CLAIMS

1. A frame assembly for supporting a separable concrete formwork, the separable formwork being secured to the frame assembly by using fasteners or clips so that the level at which the formwork is supported thereby is adjustable, the frame assembly comprising a plurality of spaced apart legs, and at least one adjustable foot assembly associated with at least one of the legs, the or each adjustable foot assembly being adapted to selectively extend or retract relative to its associated leg.

2. The frame assembly of claim 1, wherein there are at least three spaced apart legs, and an adjustable foot assembly located at or near each of the legs, each adjustable foot assembly being adapted to selectively extend or retract relative to its respective leg.

3. The frame assembly as in either one of the preceding claims, wherein the or each foot assembly is adapted to provide for fine adjustment of this relative to its respective leg.

4. The frame assembly as in any one of the preceding claims, wherein each foot assembly is adapted to be raised or lowered into or out of a ground or floor engaging position.

5. The frame assembly as in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the frame assembly defines an uppermost surface to which the formwork is secured, and this uppermost surface may be levelled by adjusting the foot assemblies.

6. The frame assembly of claim 5, wherein the uppermost surface of the frame assembly is rectilinear and so defines four corners, and the frame assembly comprises a leg and foot assembly located at or toward each corner.

7. The frame assembly as in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the frame comprises a lower frame portion that is floor or ground engaging and an upper frame portion that is moveable up or down with respect to the lower frame portion.

8. The frame assembly of claim 7, wherein the lower frame portion has four tubular legs and the upper portion has four legs, each one of which locates within and moves up and down telescopically with respect to a leg of the lower portion.

9. The frame assembly as in either of claims 7 or 8, wherein a hydraulic actuator is positioned between the upper and lower frames to move the upper frame portion relative to the lower frame portion.

10. The frame assembly of claim 9, wherein two hydraulic actuators are provided at opposing sides of the frame.

11. The frame assembly as in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the frame assembly further comprises ground engaging wheel assemblies that can be raised or lowered into or out of ground or floor engaging position, and which can support the frame to enable it to be moved when ground engaging.

12. The frame assembly of claim 11, wherein there is a wheel assembly at or near each leg.

13. The frame assembly of claim 12, wherein the wheels are castor wheels.

14. A method of stripping formwork from a cured concrete casting supported thereby whilst curing, the method employing a frame assembly as described in any one of the preceding claims, the method being characterised in that it includes the steps of: retracting each foot relative to its respective leg until the formwork is unsupported by the frame assembly and may fall away from the cured concrete under the effect of the combined weight of the formwork and frame assembly.

15. A frame assembly for supporting a separable concrete formwork, where the separable formwork is secured to the frame assembly by using fasteners or clips such that the level at which the formwork is supported by the framework is adjustable so as to be movable between at least a first level above a floor surface selected for concrete casting and a second level where the formwork is either away from the cured concrete or unsupported by the frame assembly.

16. A method of stripping formwork from a cured concrete casting supported thereby whilst curing, the method employing a formwork supporting frame assembly as described in claim 15, the method being characterised in that it includes the steps of adjusting the level at which the formwork is supported by the framework until the formwork is unsupported by the frame assembly and may fall away from the cured concrete under the effect of the combined weight of the formwork and frame assembly.

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1. A frame assembly for supporting separable concrete formwork, the separable formwork being secured to the frame assembly so that the level at which the separable formwork is supported thereby is adjustable, the frame assembly comprising a lower frame portion that is floor or ground engaging, an upper frame portion that is moveable up or down with respect to the lower frame portion, a plurality of spaced apart legs of the lower frame portion, and at least one adjustable foot assembly near the legs, wherein the upper frame portion is moveable up or down with respect to the lower frame portion to the position in which the supports thereof in their lower most position project from the lower ends of the legs of the lower frame portion, the or each adjustable foot assembly being adapted to selectively extend or retract relative to its respective leg and to be raised or lowered into or out of a ground or floor engaging position.

2. The frame assembly of claim 1, wherein there are at least three spaced apart legs of the lower frame portion, and an adjustable foot assembly near each of the legs, each adjustable foot assembly being adapted to selectively extend or retract relative to its respective leg and to be raised or lowered into or out of a ground or floor engaging position.

3. The frame assembly as in either one of the preceding claims, wherein the or each foot assembly is adapted to provide for fine adjustment of this relative to its respective leg of the lower frame portion.

4. The frame assembly as in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the frame assembly defines an uppermost surface to which the formwork is secured, and this uppermost surface may be levelled by adjusting the foot assemblies.

5. The frame assembly of claim 4, wherein the uppermost surface of the frame assembly is rectilinear and so defines four corners, and the frame assembly comprises a leg of the lower frame portion and foot assembly located at or toward each corner.

6. The frame assembly as in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the lower frame portion has four tubular legs and the upper frame portion has four legs, each leg of the upper frame portion locates within and moves up and down telescopically with respect to a leg of the lower frame portion.

7. The frame assembly as in any one of the preceding claims, wherein a hydraulic actuator is positioned between the upper and lower frames to move the upper frame portion relative to the lower frame portion.

8. The frame assembly of claim 7, wherein two hydraulic actuators are provided at opposing sides of the frame.

9. The frame assembly as in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the frame assembly further comprises ground engaging wheel assemblies that can be raised or lowered into or out of ground or floor engaging position, and which can support the frame to enable it to be moved when ground engaging.

10. The frame assembly of claim 9, wherein there is a wheel assembly at or near each leg of the lower frame portion.

11. The frame assembly of claim 10, wherein the wheels are castor wheels.

12. The frame assembly as in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the separable formwork is secured to the frame assembly using fasteners or clips.

13. A method of stripping formwork from a cured concrete casting supported thereby whilst curing, the method employing a frame assembly as described in any one of the preceding claims, the method being characterised in that it includes the steps of: retracting each foot relative to its respective leg until the formwork is unsupported by the frame assembly and may fall away from the cured concrete under the effect of the combined weight of the formwork and frame assembly.