

CITY OF WANNEROO, EMPLOYMENT AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

2092. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development

I refer the Minister to the *Local Government Act 1995*, Part 5, Division 4, and S 5.40. 'Principles affecting employment by local governments' and in particular subsections (c), (e) and (f) and ask -

- (a) will the Minister inquire into the employment practice of the City of Wanneroo in relation to their City Watch Patrol Officers and breaches of the above sections of the *Local Government Act 1995* and *Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984*;
- (b) if not, why not;
- (c) is the Minister aware that four Improvement Notices, under *the Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984* were issued against the City of Wanneroo in relation to the employment of City Watch Patrol Officers;
- (d) is the Minister aware that one practice the City of Wanneroo insisted on, was so dangerous, that an immediate Prohibition Notice under *the Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984* was issued; and
- (e) is the Minister aware that there have been a number of managers and employees go on sick leave or resign citing the management practices of the City of Wanneroo as the reason?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

- (a)-(e) The Minister is not aware of the matters to which you have referred. Occupational safety and health and human resources issues within a local government are matters that are not routinely brought to his attention.

The Minister notes that steps are being taken under appropriate legislation to address occupational safety and health issues at the City of Wanneroo.

While there does not appear to be a role for the Minister or his Department in this process, the Minister will seek the advice of his colleague, the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection. In relation to the other issues raised, the Minister has requested a report from his Department.