

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT — REVIEW — RECOMMENDATIONS

3960. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the recommendation from the first phase of the *Local Government Act 1995* review that councillors undertake formal training for their roles, and ask:

- (a) Will there be a uniform program across all local governments or will each council run its own program;
- (b) Who will fund the training courses;
- (c) Will prospective councillors be required to pay for any of the costs of the training courses;
- (d) Will the training be retrospective for existing councillors;
- (e) What continual training will be required for councillors:
 - (i) Who will fund the additional training; and
 - (ii) Will councillors be required to pay for the extra training;
- (f) What will be the penalties for councillors who don't complete, or pass, the training courses within the 12-month period; and
- (g) How much will training courses for prospective councillors cost?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

- (a)–(g) The legislation is currently being drafted. The sector will be consulted in the finalisation of any proposed training programs.