

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — “TIMELY PAYMENT OF SUPPLIERS” REPORT

3418. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the Auditor General’s report into the Timely Payment of Suppliers by Local Governments and ask:

- (a) Will the need for Local Governments to have policies and procedures in place to ensure the timely payment of suppliers be addressed as part of the Local Government Act review, if not, why not; and
- (b) What actions are being undertaken to address each of the recommendations made in the Auditor General’s report?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

- (a) Issues raised by the Auditor General into the timely payment of suppliers by local government will be considered as part of the *Local Government Act 1995* review.
- (b) Auditor General reports are designed to allow local governments, including those not audited, to evaluate their performance, review their practices and implement the Auditor General’s recommendations where necessary.