

LOCAL GOVERNMENT —
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

3615. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the Western Australian State Local Government Partnership Agreement, and ask:

- (a) Does the Partnership Agreement allow the State Government to forgo sector consultation where WALGA has developed an advocacy position on the matter and if so will the Minister please identify the relevant reference within the Agreement; and
- (b) Does the Partnership Agreement allow the State Government to forgo sector consultation where a WALGA zone proposal has been developed on the matter and if so will the Minister please identify the relevant reference within the Agreement?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

- (a)–(b) The Western Australian State Local Government Partnership Agreement (the Agreement) is a statement of commitment between the State Government and local government to work together in partnership to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Western Australia. This is being achieved through enhanced communications between the two spheres of government, appropriate consultation and good governance.

The Agreement also aims to rebuild the relationship between the State and local government, damaged over the past eight years.

Although the Agreement does not deal with every situation or interest between State and local government, the parties commit to working together to ensure that their respective positions are understood and respected.

Feedback to me from the sector is that the Agreement is working very well and delivering everything that it was intended to achieve for both parties.