

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — PUPPY FARMING

3226. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the policy commitment to stop puppy farming and the current consultation process, and ask:

- (a) Under the policy, will pet shops be permitted to sell puppies which have been sourced from certified registered breeders:
 - (i) If not, why not;
- (b) Will a pet shop be able to source and sell puppies from reputable breeders of designer hybrid dogs, or crossbreeds (such as labradoodles); and
- (c) Is a breeder who breeds designer hybrid dogs or crossbreeds, rather than pure breeds, able to be a registered breeder in Western Australia:
 - (i) If not, will this reform process consider addressing this issue and if not, why not; and
 - (ii) If not, what will be done to meet the demand for designer hybrid puppies in Western Australia, noting that a rescue dog is not an appropriate option for many households?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

- (a) No.
 - (i) The intention of the current policy is to transition pet shops into adoption centres. However, the current consultation process will determine if the policy is adapted to meet the needs of the industry and the community.
- (b) No.
- (c) It is proposed that any owner of an unsterilised dog will be able to register as a breeder on the centralised database unless they have been convicted of an offence under the Animal Welfare Act 2002, Dog Act 1976 or Cat Act 2011.
 - (i)–(ii) Not applicable.