

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — BETTER PRACTICE REVIEWS

3405. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to local government Better Practice Reviews and ask, for each of the past five years:

- (a) how many reviews have taken place;
- (b) which local governments were reviewed; and
- (c) please provide a brief synopsis of the review's outcome?

**Mr D.A. Templeman replied:**

(a) 2013 – Not applicable.

2014 – Not applicable.

2015 – 7

2016 – 6

2017 – 5

(b) 2015

Shire of Broomehill–Tambellup

Shire of Irwin

Shire of Toodyay

Shire of Morawa

Shire of Northam

Town of Narrogin

Town of Port Hedland

2016

Shire of Esperance

Shire of Wyalkatchem

Shire of Broome

Shire of Capel

Shire of Victoria Plains

Shire of Gnowangerup

2017

Shires of Pingelly

Shire of Christmas Island

Shire of Boddington

Shire of Cranbrook

Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

(c) Overall assessment of Better Practice Reviews:

The local governments reviewed were generally operating well, relevant to their size and capabilities.

There were consistent positives across all Shires and Towns reviewed, demonstrating a desire to achieve continuing improvement.

All local governments reviewed acknowledged areas requiring improvement, typically related to updating or finalising policies and procedures, and informing strategies for integrated planning and reporting. They all committed to work through the issues raised.