

KALAMUNDA SHIRE COUNCIL — CAMMS RELATIONSHIP

132. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Local Government:

In relation to an article in *The Sunday Times*, dated 24 March 2013, regarding the investigation of the former Chief Executive Officer of the Kalamunda Shire by the Crime and Corruption Commission in respect to his relationship with the company known as CAMMS, I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that the CAMMS website reveals that there are a number of local governments that have acquired CAMMS products and in the case of the Shire of Kalamunda, City of Melville and the City of Bunbury, the Chief Executive Officers have provided endorsements for CAMMS products; and
- (b) does the Minister sanction local government staff providing public endorsement of products and services of private commercial companies?

Mr A.J. Simpson replied:

- (a) Local governments have autonomy to procure goods and services in accordance with their purchasing and procurement policies, the *Local Government Act 1995* and subsidiary regulations.
- (b) There is no specific legislation that prevents local government employees from endorsing products or services; however, local governments are required to adopt a Code of Conduct for employees and I would expect that the code adopted should address this matter.