

STATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT

3032. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:

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

- (a) on how many occasions has the State and Local Partnership Group met:
 - (i) what were the dates of each meeting;
 - (ii) will the Minister provide a list of the attendees at each meeting; and
 - (iii) what was the agenda for each meeting; and
- (b) on how many occasions has the Partnership Agreement been used since it was signed:
 - (i) please list the relevant dates that consultation commenced and the specific subject matters that were discussed, in line with the Partnership Agreement;
 - (ii) what time period of consultation was offered in each instance the Partnership Agreement was used; and
 - (iii) was the prescribed 12, 8 or 4 week consultation period provided in each case, if not, please detail the reasons why this was not the case?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

- (a)–(b) Working smarter with greater efficiency and in partnership with local government is a key priority of the McGowan Government underpinned by improved consultation and collaboration. The Partnership Agreement was a commitment to improve consultation with the local government sector, as the relationship had suffered during the Liberal–National Government over the past eight years. Highlighted by the failed amalgamation process. The Partnership Agreement is a whole of government commitment.

It is a requirement of the Partnership Agreement to establish a State Local Government Partnership Group to meet at least once per year to discuss matters of importance to both sectors. A formal meeting has been convened to meet in the near future.

All signatories continue to work collaboratively on issues of strategic importance through project specific working groups and meetings as required.

Legislation has been developed in accordance with the time periods set out in the agreement; the Local Government Act review, the Stop Puppy Farming project and the amendments to the Local Government (Auditing) and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations. Other agencies are being required to work with the local government sector in accordance with the Agreement.