

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — SHIRE OF YALGOO

5293. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the Shire of Yalgoo, and ask:

- (a) Has the Minister or his department investigated claims of bullying by staff at the council:
  - (i) If yes, when did the investigation take place and who was investigated; and
  - (ii) What was the outcome of the investigation;
- (b) Did the Minister receive a copy of the WorkSafe report into the conduct of the shire chief executive officer, Mr Silvio Brenzi:
  - (i) If yes, when was the copy received;
  - (ii) Did the department contact the council to make sure the WorkSafe orders were complied with and if not, why not; and
  - (iii) What measures did the department take after WorkSafe confirmed the notice orders against Mr Brenzi and the Shire of Yalgoo were not complied with;
- (c) Was the Minister or his department aware of Shire of Yalgoo staff obtaining restraining orders against a councillor:
  - (i) If yes, when; and
  - (ii) What was the department's reaction, did it contact the council over the matter and if yes, when;
- (d) Has the department conducted an authorised inquiry into the Shire of Yalgoo:
  - (i) If yes, when was the authorised inquiry conducted and what was the outcome; and
  - (ii) If not, why not;
- (e) Has the department conducted any other level of investigation into the Shire of Yalgoo:
  - (i) If yes, what type of investigation was conducted and when; and
  - (ii) If not, why not; and
- (f) Have Machinery of Government changes and public sector redundancies left the department with insufficient resources to regulate and investigate issues at the Shire of Yalgoo?

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

- (a) No, matters relating to workplace safety and health are the responsibility of Worksafe.
  - (i)–(ii) Not applicable.
- (b) No.
  - (i) Not applicable.
  - (ii) No. Worksafe are responsible for ensuring compliance with their orders.
  - (iii) Worksafe are responsible for ensuring compliance with their orders.
- (c) Yes.
  - (i) May 2018.
  - (ii) The matter did not involve a breach of the Local Government Act 1995.
- (d) No.
  - (i) Not applicable.
  - (ii) It was determined that this level of intervention was not required.
- (e) Yes.
  - (i) An Integrity Audit which commenced in 23 August 2018.
  - (ii) Not applicable.
- (f) No. The Shire of Yalgoo continues to be monitored by the department.