

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — MYCOUNCIL WEBSITE

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

I refer to the comments made by the Minister during the Assembly Estimates on 26 May 2016, that some councils, including his, had raised concerns about the MyCouncil website:

- (a) which councils have raised concerns regarding the MyCouncil website;
- (b) what concerns have been raised by which council/s; and
- (c) will the Minister undertake to update the MyCouncil website to respond to these concerns?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

- (a)–(c) A number of local governments were concerned that data they supplied to the Department of Local Government and Communities contained errors. Once correct data was supplied, the data was amended. Some local governments were also concerned that different methods used by local governments to calculate financial and asset data limited the capacity to make meaningful one to one comparisons. The Department met with these local governments to discuss their concerns and explain the rationale of MyCouncil as a place to view, compare and ask questions about data that is already in the public domain.