

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — PUPPY FARMING

3227. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the Stop Puppy Farming Implementation Working Group and the consultation process currently in place, and ask:

- (a) Are there any representatives from any pet shops on the working group:
 - (i) If not, why not;
- (b) Have any other means of direct engagement with the small number of pet shops in WA been undertaken, given the significant impact of the policy to stop puppy farming on their businesses:
 - (i) If not, why not;
- (c) Has the Department met with any pet shops owners:
 - (i) If yes, please provide details of the meetings including the date, attendees and agenda items discussed; and
 - (ii) If not, why not; and
- (d) Has the Minister, the Member for Maylands, or any staff of the Minister's office met with any pet shops owners:
 - (i) If yes, please provide details of the meetings including the date, attendees and agenda items discussed; and
 - (ii) If not, why not?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

- (a) The Pet Industry Association is a member of the Stop Puppy Farming Implementation working Group.
 - (i) Not applicable.
- (b) On 11 May 2018, letters were sent to each pet shop in Western Australia that was known to be selling dogs advising them of the project and inviting them to meet with officers of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.
 - (i) Not applicable.
- (c) As at 13 June 2018, the Department had met with three pet shop owners/representatives, one representing thirteen shops.

(i)

Date	Time	Attendees
28 May 2018	10:30am–12:00pm	All About Pups
28 May 2018	3:00pm–4:00pm	Maida Vale Pets and Aquarium
31 May 2018	10:00am–11:30am	Pet City

The Agenda for each meeting was to discuss the Government's commitment to transition pet shops to adoption agencies.

- (ii) Not applicable.
- (d)

Date	Attendees	Agenda
6 March 2018	– Principal Policy Adviser, Ministerial Office; – Local Government Senior Policy Adviser, Ministerial Office; – Managing Director, Kellyville Pets – Chief Executive Office, Pet Industry Association of Australia	Proposed Stop Puppy Farming policy.