

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STANDARDS PANEL

4806. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government:

Can the Minister confirm how often the Local Government Standards Panel meets and:

- (a) What were the dates for the Local Government Standards Panel meetings for each of the years 2016–17, 2017–18 and 2018–19;
- (b) How many cases does the panel investigate at each meeting;
- (c) Since April 2017 how many have been “refused to deal with” cases;
- (d) How many outstanding cases are awaiting Standards Panel attention;
- (e) Why doesn’t the official Local Government Standards Panel website record incidents in which local government elected members were cleared of allegations; and
- (f) How many cases were cleared in each of the years 2016–17, 2017–18 and 2018–19?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

In previous years, the Local Government Standards Panel typically met once per month; however, since mid-2018, the Panel has regularly met twice per month.

- (a) Please refer to the table below.
- (b) The number of complaints considered at each meeting ranges from four to six; however, the number of allegations/matters within each complaint can vary.
- (c) 31
- (d) 46
- (e) The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries only publishes findings on the Local Government Standards Panel website of substantiated minor breaches of the *Local Government Act 1995*.
- (f) Please refer to the table below.

Year	(a) Dates of meetings held	(f) Number of cases cleared
2016–2017	2 August 2016 17 August 2016 19 September 2016 31 October 2016 22 November 2016 12 December 2016 21 December 2016 25 January 2017 22 February 2017 24 February 2017 3 March 2017 16 March 2017 20 March 2017 5 April 2017 3 May 2017 31 May 2017 23 June 2017	59
2017–2018	27 July 2017 14 August 2017 28 August 2017 26 September 2017 5 October 2017	67

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2018–2019 (year to date)	2 July 2018 27 July 2018 9 August 2018 21 August 2018 4 September 2018 19 September 2018 12 October 2018 24 October 2018 8 November 2018 21 November 2018 7 December 2018 12 December 2018 25 January 2019 5 February 2019 22 February 2019	48