

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — SHIRE OF NANNUP

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

I refer to the comments made by Cr Tony Dean, President of the Shire of Nannup, that the Shire is struggling to raise money for economic development due to limited revenue from rates and a lack of State Government support and ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware of the issues at the Shire of Nannup;
- (b) what support is the Department of Local Government and Communities providing to the Shire; and
- (c) will the Minister ensure that adequate support is provided to the Shire?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

- (a) Like all local governments, the Shire of Nannup must make decisions with regard to revenue raising, resource allocation and service provision for, and on behalf of, its community. I am not aware of any particular financial difficulties the Shire is facing, that are not faced by other local government of a comparable size. The Shire of Nannup has not contacted my office or the Department of Local Government and Communities with these concerns.
- (b) The Department of Local Government and Communities provides advice and support to local governments, including the Shire of Nannup. This includes the Department's Local Government Capacity Building Program for country local governments which assists country local governments to build their capacity in key strategic and operational areas
- (c) The Department will continue to provide advice and support.