

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT — REVIEW — CONSULTATION WORKSHOPS

3021. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the first phase of the review of the Local Government Act 1995, consultation for which closed on 9 March 2018:

- (a) In respect of the consultation workshop sessions that were held were any additional sessions held above and beyond those listed on the DLGC website:
 - (i) If yes to (a), please provide details of when and where the session/s were held, who the session/s were targeted at and why the details were not listed on the website;
- (b) how many people attended each workshop session;
- (c) please table a copy of the attendance register for each session;
- (d) how was feedback from the information workshops recorded;
- (e) how will the feedback provided at workshops be considered and incorporated into the Act review;
- (f) how many councils were invited to take part in the consultation workshops;
- (g) were all elected members individually invited to take part in the consultation workshops; and
- (h) of the 243 submissions received, please advise:
 - (i) how many were submitted by elected members and please list those members;
 - (ii) how many were submitted by local councils and please list those councils;
 - (iii) were any submissions made by council CEO's individually, if so, please list those CEO's; and
 - (iv) will confidential submissions be considered and incorporated into the Act review?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

- (a) Yes
 - (i) The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC), along with the Department of Treasury, held three red tape reduction workshops with local government and industry groups in July and August 2017 at Albert Facey House. The DLGSC also held a workshop with the Minister's Multicultural Advisory Group on 19 July 2017 at Dumas House, a workshop with Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 9 November 2017 at the Mercure Hotel and a workshop with DLGSC staff on 10 November 2017 at 140 William Street, Perth. The workshops were not detailed on the website because the DLGSC held them at the invitation of the host organisation and/or targeted specific stakeholders and interested parties and were not intended for participation from the general public. Workshops for the general public were held in 15 locations across Western Australia and were promoted through social media, electronic mail out to ratepayer groups and stakeholders, individual local governments and newspaper advertisements.
- (b) See the tables below:

Local government workshops		
Location	Date	Participants
Karratha	13 November 2017	9
Wanneroo	15 November 2017	20
Broome	17 November 2017	22
Albany	21 November 2017	30
Toodyay	23 November 2017	30
Cockburn	27 November 2017	25
Swan	28 November 2017	40
Merredin	29 November 2017	26
Narrogin	30 November 2017	31

Kalgoorlie	30 November 2017	19
Mandurah	4 December 2017	25
Busselton	5 December 2017	35
Geraldton	7 December 2017	28
Stirling	11 December 2017	55

Community workshops		
Location	Date	Participants
Karratha	13 November 2017	3
Wanneroo	15 November 2017	8
Broome	17 November 2017	6
Perth	20 November 2017	17
Albany	21 November 2017	7
Toodyay	23 November 2017	8
Cockburn	27 November 2017	14
Swan	28 November 2017	20
Merredin	29 November 2017	4
Narrogin	30 November 2017	6
Kalgoorlie	30 November 2017	1
Mandurah	4 December 2017	12
Busselton	5 December 2017	12
Geraldton	7 December 2017	1
Stirling	11 December 2017	20

Additional workshops		
Workshop	Date	Participants
Minister's Multicultural Advisory Group	19 July 2017	16
Red tape reduction workshop at Albert Facey House	27 July 2017	Approximately 25
Red tape reduction workshop at Albert Facey House	28 July 2017	Approximately 25
Red tape reduction workshop at Albert Facey House	2 August 2017	Approximately 25
Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry at the Mercure Hotel	9 November 2017	Approximately 20
DLGSC staff	10 November 2017	Approximately 43

- (c) An attendee register was not kept for workshops.
- (d) Feedback was recorded and collated by Departmental staff.
- (e) The feedback received has informed the direction of phase one reforms and of further research into potential areas of reform in phase two of the review.
- (f) All local governments.

- (g) No. Invitations to participate were sent to all local governments and promoted through social media, electronic mail out to known rate-payer groups and interested parties and newspaper advertisements.
- (h) (i)–(iii) Submissions received are listed and available on the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries website. Confidential submissions are listed but not available and include:
 - 10 from elected members; and
 - 1 from a council CEO
- (iv) All submissions received will be considered and incorporated into the Act review.