

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — STOP PUPPY FARMING CONSULTATION

3434. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government:

- (1) In relation to the Stop Puppy Farming Consultation being held by the department, has any research been undertaken into the reasons why dogs end up in shelters?
- (2) If yes to (1) can you please provide details of that research and table copies of any statistics, findings, research papers or other relevant data?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

- (1) Yes, a survey was sent to rescue organisations and shelters at the start of 2018.
- (2) The primary reasons that dogs are abandoned or surrendered according to these respondents are:
 - They are unwanted puppies
 - The dog has behavioural issues
 - Owners cannot afford to care for the dog
 - Owners are moving and cannot take the dog with
 - One respondent indicated that most of the dogs in their care were as a result of owner surrender – reason unknown.