

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — ROAD MAINTENANCE

4848. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the letter sent to the Minister by the chair of the WA Local Government Grants Commission on March 22 2018 and ask:

- (a) What was the Minister's response to the Grants Commission's concerns over the costs to local governments to maintain roads damaged by heavy vehicles associated with mining and grain hauling;
- (b) Has the Department undertaken any research into the councils' concerns;
- (c) What was the result of the research; and
- (d) Has the Minister or his department devised a strategy that will ease the burden on councils in maintaining roads damaged by heavy vehicles:
  - (i) If yes, what was it and when was it finalised?

**Mr D.A. Templeman replied:**

- (a) The Grants Commission's letter was noted and I asked the Commission to continue to provide updates to me following their public hearings. The Government is committed to creating and supporting sustainable local governments, particularly in regional areas, and feedback about issues of importance is always welcome.
- (b) A review of local government road costs is being undertaken by the Local Government Grants Commission, in addition to the annual road information data collected from local governments. This includes traffic count data for heavy vehicles on certain roads.
- (c) Ongoing.
- (d) Ongoing.
  - (i) Not applicable.