

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — PROCUREMENT

4801. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the Auditor General report on Local Government procurement and ask:

- (a) Does the Minister support the Auditor General's view that findings from the procurement audit have identified areas worthy of future attention:
 - (i) If not, why not; and
- (b) Will the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries provide more funding for the extra audits:
 - (i) If yes, how much funding will be made available and when;
 - (ii) If not, who will fund the costs of the extra audits;
 - (iii) Has the Minister or any staff in his department informed the respective agencies they will be funding the extra audits and when were the details forwarded; and
 - (iv) Will the Minister table the documentation advising the agencies of the extra costs?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

- (a) Yes, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries proposes to work with local governments in addressing the areas identified.
 - (i) Not applicable.
- (b) DLGSC does not direct or fund the Auditor General to undertake local government audits.