

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

4323. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the Auditor General's findings of weaknesses in local government procurement processes, and ask:

- (a) for what reasons has the Minister or his department not included council procurement processes as a key topic in the second phase of the review into the *Local Government Act 1995*;
- (b) will local government procurement processes now be added to the second phase of the review; and
- (c) will the Minister look at aligning local government procurement processes with the *WA Jobs Act 2017*:
 - (i) if not, why not; and
 - (ii) if yes, when will the Minister bring the local government procurement processes into line?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

- (a) Local government procurement is one of the areas identified for possible reform. Various options for reform to local government procurement are canvassed in the financial management fact sheet and discussion papers available on the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' website.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) The McGowan Government is enthusiastic to hear the views of everyone to inform a new Local Government Act, including reforms to procurement.
 - (i) Not applicable.
 - (ii) The McGowan Government's position will be informed by engagement. The public submission period closes on 31 March 2019.