

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION — COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

4796. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to media reports over the alleged censorship of councillors and ask has the Minister or any of his departmental staff contacted the WA Local Government Association requesting a change in its communications policy:

- (a) If not, why not;
- (b) If yes, when was the communication made;
- (c) What was the recommendation of the Minister or his departmental staff; and
- (d) What was the response of WALGA to the Minister or departmental staff communication?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

Neither the Minister nor the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries has requested the WA Local Government Association (WALGA) to change its communication policy provided for the optional use of member local governments.

- (a) Neither the Minister nor the Department has the legislative authority to intervene in regard to WALGA's provision of suggested policies for optional use by member local governments. It is a member based organisation. If the members have a problem they can contact WALGA directly.
- (b)–(d) Not applicable.