

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — STOP PUPPY FARMING CONSULTATION

3432. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the Stop Puppy Farming Consultation being held by the department, and ask:

- (a) Are breeders of designer crossbreed puppies able to become registered breeders in Western Australia:
 - (i) If no to (a) why not and will this be addressed as part of the policy changes to stop puppy farming;
- (b) Will individuals who wish to purchase specific designer crossbreed puppies (which are not rescue dogs) be able to access them at pet shops, under the proposed policy changes; and
- (c) Where will individuals who wish to purchase designer crossbreed puppies be able to access them, after the proposed policy changes?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

- (a) All owners of unsterilised dogs will be required to register with the local government under the new proposals as potential breeders. This will apply to all dogs, whether pure breed, designer crossbreed dogs or 'mongrels'.
- (b) The intention of the current policy is to transition pet shops into adoption centres. However, the current consultation process will determine if the policy is adapted to meet the needs of the industry and the community.
- (c) Subject to the consultation process, it is proposed that individuals who wish to purchase designer crossbreed puppies will be able to source these puppies directly from the breeder. That breeder will be required to be registered with their local government, so they may be identified and traced if required.