

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — PROCUREMENT

4933. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the Auditor General's recent opinion that some investigated local governments did not have comprehensive policies or procedures in regards to the monitoring or reviewing of supplier master files and ask:

- (a) Has the Minister or his department written to all WA local governments to request that each review policies, procedures and controls in regard to supplier master files:
  - (i) If not, why not; and
  - (ii) If yes, will the Minister supply a copy of the letter and if not, why not;
- (b) Will the department devise a standard policy for local governments to follow in regards to the control of supplier master files:
  - (i) If yes, when will the policy be devised and when will it be sent to the local governments;
- (c) Has the department identified any items in the Auditor General report that warrant further investigation:
  - (i) If yes, which items and when did the investigations commence; and
- (d) Has the Minister or his department written to the five local governments scrutinised by the Auditor General to seek undertakings that issues identified in the report have been addressed:
  - (i) If yes, when; and
  - (ii) Have any of the local governments replied to the department's correspondence and what were the responses?

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

- (a) No.
  - (i) It is not an issue of statutory non-compliance and local governments are responsible for their own policies and procedures in regard to this matter.
  - (ii) Not applicable.
- (b) Although local governments are responsible for devising their own policies, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries is considering the creation of a standard policy as a guideline.
  - (i) Not applicable.
- (c) No.
  - (i) Not applicable.
- (d) No, the Auditor General's report does not specifically identify any particular local government with issues.
  - (i)–(ii) Not applicable.