

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — PUPPY FARMING

4786. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the proposed legislation to ban pet shops selling puppies and ask since 2000:

- (a) How many puppy farms have been prosecuted for operating in WA;
- (b) Of the puppy farms prosecuted how many were found to be supplying to a pet shop;
- (c) How many pet shops have been prosecuted in WA for selling dogs from a puppy farm; and
- (d) How many pet shops in WA have been prosecuted for offences relating to the keeping of puppies?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

- (a)–(c) ‘Puppy farms’ are not recognised under Western Australian law.
- (d) Prosecutions relating to animal welfare are taken under the *Animal Welfare Act 2002*. The Minister responsible is the Minister for Agriculture and Food.