

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — MAYORAL ELECTIONS

4198. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the election of mayors throughout WA's local governments, and ask:

- (a) how many different systems are used to elect mayors in WA;
- (b) please list each council and its system for electing mayors; and
- (c) in relation to the current review of the *Local Government Act 1995* will the Minister seek to implement a standard system for the election of mayors:
 - (i) if yes, what is the preferred method?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

- (a) Section 2.11(a) of the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act) provides for two methods of filling the office of mayor: elected by the electors of the district or elected by the councillors from amongst the councillors.
- (b) This information is available on individual Local Government Authorities web sites and the Western Australian Electorate Commission website. The Local Government Act does not require the department to hold this information.
- (c) The elections provisions are included in the review of the Act and are open for public comment. The discussion paper is available at www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/lgareview.
 - (i) Not applicable.