

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — PROCUREMENT

4803. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the Auditor General's report into local government procurement practices lodged in November 2018 and ask:

- (a) How many of the audits has the department reviewed;
- (b) Was any action taken against the local governments subject to the Auditor General's findings:
 - (i) What were the actions taken; and
- (c) Did the Minister or any of his department staff write to any other of the local governments not audited to advise them of the Auditor General's concerns over council procurement practices:
 - (i) If not, why not;
 - (ii) If yes, which local governments did the Minister or his department staff contact;
 - (iii) What was contained in the letters; and
 - (iv) Will the Minister table the letters to the local governments?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

- (a) The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries does not review audits conducted by the Auditor General, the Department follows up to ensure that action has been taken by the local government authority to address any significant matters identified in management letters.
- (b) None to date.
 - (i) Not applicable.
- (c) A circular is being prepared to send to all local governments.
 - (i) Not applicable.
 - (ii) Not applicable.
 - (iii) Contents of the circular yet to be finalised.
 - (iv) Not applicable.