

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — STOP PUPPY FARMING CONSULTATION

3935. Mr A. Krsticevic to the minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the small writing group attached to the Stop Puppy Farming Consultation held by the Department, and ask:

- (a) How many more meetings are scheduled for the writing group;
- (b) Where will the meetings be held;
- (c) When does the writing group have to put forward its recommendations; and
- (d) Has there been a change in writing group membership in the past three months?

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

- (a) The Writing Group will meet to review the draft Dog Standards and Guidelines prior to the document being finalised for consideration by the Companion Animal Welfare Advisory Group. The date for this meeting has not yet been scheduled.
- (b) To date, the Writing Group has met on site at the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) in South Perth.
- (c) No specific due date has been set. The Writing Group and DPIRD is working to table the draft document for consideration by the Companion Animal Welfare Advisory Group by November of this year. This will follow an internal DPIRD review of the draft document.
- (d) Yes a nominated representative from Dogs West has joined the writing group in the past 3 months