

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — STOP PUPPY FARMING LEGISLATION

5285. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the proposed Stop Puppy Farming legislation, and ask:

- (a) Will the legislation be introduced into Parliament before the end of the year;
- (b) Will any funding be allocated to enable pet shops to upgrade their facilities to accommodate larger dogs:
 - (i) If yes, how much money will be available to each shop; and
 - (ii) If not, why not; and
- (c) Will any compensation be provided to pet shops if they close down as a result of the changes to laws covering the selling of dogs:
 - (i) If yes, how much in compensation will be available to each shop; and
 - (ii) If not, why not?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

- (a) It is the Government's intention to introduce the Stop Puppy Farming legislation to Parliament by the end of the year.
- (b) The Stop Puppy Farming election commitment has undergone public consultation and is under consideration.
 - (i)–(ii) Not applicable.
- (c) (i)–(ii) Not applicable.