

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — PLANNERS — PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT

5833. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Local Government:

Is the Minister aware that local government planners are also providing private, contracted advice and work for developers, and if so:

- (a) does the Department or Minister acknowledge the conflict of interest concerns this raises; and
- (b) are there any Departmental policies that address such a conflict of interest?

Mr P.T. Miles replied:

- (a) The management of local government employees is the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer. The *Local Government Act 1995* requires employees to disclose any interest relating to their delegated functions or other matters on which they are advising or reporting to the local government.
- (b) As the employers responsible for these planners, local governments are required to have procedures in place to deal with conflicts of interest.