

PLANNING — LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNERS

5519. Mr D.A. Templeman to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning:

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 J. Norberger replied:

- (a)–(b) I am not aware of any local government planners providing contracted work for developers. Matters relating to conduct of local government staff are for the relevant local government and the Department of Local Government and Communities to address. The Department of Planning has policies in place relating to its own staff.