

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — CEMETERIES — DEVELOPMENT

2567. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government:

- (1) Can you please provide a list of those areas in Western Australia which have been designated to be used as new cemeteries?
- (2) Has any funding been allocated for the development of new cemeteries and if so, how much funding has been allocated?
- (3) How much funding has been spent towards the development of new cemeteries for each of the past four years?
- (4) When will the designated areas referred to in the answer to question (1), be available for use?

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

- (1) The *Cemeteries Act 1986* provides that land to be used for a cemetery is to be gazetted as such following the approval of the Governor. No new cemeteries have been designated as such in the past year.
- (2) The funding of cemeteries is a matter for the cemetery board or local government in whose management the cemetery is vested. These are self-funded.

The Metropolitan Cemeteries Board (MCB) has allocated \$5 000 towards investigation of a site in its forward estimates.

- (3) The funding of cemeteries is a matter for the relevant local government or cemetery board. No new cemeteries have been gazetted in the past four years.

The MCB has spent the following:

2014–15 – \$27 652

2015–16 – \$0

2016–17 – \$3 500

2017–18 – \$18 694

- (4) Not applicable.