

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — SHOW-CAUSE NOTICES

5292. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government:

Can the Minister please outline how many local governments have received show cause notices from the department since April 2017, and:

- (a) Which local governments received the notices and when;
- (b) For each case what was the action taken by the Minister and his department following the issue of show cause notices;
- (c) Has any show cause notices been sent to individual councillors since the introduction of new legislation allowing the Minister to suspend or dismiss elected members:
  - (i) If yes, which councillors received the notices; and
  - (ii) For each case what was the action taken by the Minister and his department following the issue of the notices; and
- (d) How many individual councillors have been suspended or dismissed since the legislation amendments were introduced:
  - (i) Please list the councillors, the level of sanction, their council and when the suspensions or dismissals were made; and
  - (ii) Have any of the councillors returned to their roles with the relevant councils since the dismissal or suspension?

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

- (a) Shire of Perenjori on 31 May 2019 and Town of Port Hedland on 31 May 2019.
- (b) Five Councillors at the Shire of Perenjori resigned prior to any response being provided to the show cause notice, resulting in the council no longer being quorate. The council was dissolved by Governor's Order and a Commissioner was appointed.  
  
The Town of Port Hedland Council was suspended following consideration of their response to the show cause notice.
- (c) No.
  - (i)–(ii) Not applicable.
- (d) Nil.
  - (i)–(ii) Not applicable.