

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — DOG ACT — COMPLAINTS

3948. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government:

Has the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries received direct complaints about the *Dog Act 1976*, and if yes:

- (a) How many complaints were received;
- (b) What was the nature of the complaints;
- (c) How did the Department deal with each of the complaints; and
- (d) Did any of the complaints lead to investigations by the Department?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

- (a)–(d) The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries receives regular phone calls and emails from local governments and members of the community in relation to the operation of the Dog Act 1976 (the Act). The Department does not have the authority to deal with complaints in relation to the Act, which, as per Section 9 of the Act, is administered and enforced by local governments.