

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — PUPPY FARMING

3977. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government:

Under changes aimed at stopping puppy farming will WA pet shops be permitted to source rescue dogs from other States for sale, and:

- (a) Which agency will review interstate dogs for their suitability for rehoming in WA; and
- (b) Will all interstate-sourced dogs be microchipped before coming to WA?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

(a)–(b) The Stop Puppy Farming election commitment has undergone public consultation and is under consideration.

Note:- It is already an offence under section 26B of the *Dog Act 1976* for a person to transfer ownership of a dog if the dog is not microchipped, unless the dog is exempt under instruction from a veterinarian. This applies to dogs that are less than three months old.