

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SECURITY CHARGES

903. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Local Government:

- (1) When does the Department of Local Government expect to determine whether new regulations are required regarding the purposes for which a security charge may be imposed?
- (2) When is it expected that any such regulations will be tabled in Parliament?
- (3) What will the situation be for local government authorities that have been collecting money outside the powers of existing regulations?

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:

- (1)-(2) An analysis of possible amendments to the Local Government Act 1995 (Act) and associated regulations is currently being undertaken. Final consultation on possible legislative changes will occur shortly with appropriate amendments made in 2001.
- (3) The Minister for Local Government is not aware that any local government is collecting charges outside its statutory powers. Should a person be concerned that this has occurred then the person may appeal to the Land Valuation Tribunal under section 6.82 of the Act. The Tribunal has the power to quash a rate or service charge that has been improperly made or imposed.