

CITY OF JOONDALUP, SECURITY LEVY

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

- (1) Has the City of Joondalup provided the Department of Local Government with a legal opinion and other relevant information, regarding charging residents a security levy?
- (2) If yes, has the Department of Local Government determined yet whether the security levy meets the requirements of the *Local Government Act* and the Constitution?

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:

- (1) The City of Joondalup has provided the Department of Local Government with information about the service charge it has imposed for property surveillance and security. This includes the purposes to which the charge has been applied.
- (2) The Department of Local Government has referred the council to legal advice received from the Crown Solicitor's Office about aspects of the way in which the charge has been applied. The department understands that the city's solicitors who are advising council on this matter, have accepted much of that advice but are of the view that the charge was validly imposed. The department is examining the current regulations to determine if a change is needed to clarify the purposes for which a security charge may be imposed.