

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — STATE GOVERNMENT INQUIRIES

685. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government:

- (1) How many local government authorities are currently under state government-initiated investigations or inquiries?
- (2) Which authorities are they?
- (3) How long has each of these investigations or inquiries been running?
- (4) What is the cost to date of each of these investigations or inquiries?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries currently has six authorised inquiries underway.
- (2)–(3) The Town of Cambridge inquiry commenced in April 2018 and is nearing completion; the Shire of Toodyay inquiry commenced in December 2018 and is nearing completion; the Shire of Wiluna inquiry commenced in November 2019; the City of Cockburn inquiry commenced in April 2020; the City of Subiaco inquiry commenced in May 2020; and the Shire of Coolgardie inquiry commenced in June 2020.
- (4) The department does not record specific costs for individual inquiries unless there is a specific reason to do so. An authorised inquiry is part of the agency's core business.