

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — CITY OF KALGOORLIE–BOULDER

756. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the operations of the City of Kalgoorlie–Boulder Council and information found at <http://www.robinchapple.com/2018-02-27-abc-goldfields-esperance> entitled “2018-02-27 ABC Goldfields-Esperance.pdf”, and ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware of the report by ABC Goldfields–Esperance;
- (b) is the Minister concerned about the situation where the Chief Executive Officer has been making veiled threats to persons or person unknown via communication with sitting councillors;
- (c) does the Minister believe it is acceptable for any members of a local council, including the Chief Executive Officer to make threats to persons or persons unknown via communication with sitting councillors;
- (d) if yes to (b), what action will the Minister undertake; and
- (e) if no to (b) and/or , why not?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a) The Minister is aware of the matter as reported by the ABC Goldfields–Esperance.
- (b) The elected council of each local government employs and is responsible for the performance of its Chief Executive Officer.
- (c) When people are in leadership roles they have a responsibility in a public debate to show respect and consideration for the differing points of view of the people from the communities they represent. This does not mean that people can’t express a view, however they need to carefully consider the way in which they express that view.
- (d)–(e) The Council of the City of Kalgoorlie–Boulder employs and is responsible for the performance of its Chief Executive Officer.