

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT PRACTICES

1296. Hon JIM CHOWN to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the Auditor General's report "Local Government Procurement", dated 19 October 2018.

- (1) Given that the approximate cost of undertaking and tabling this audit was \$470 000, who is responsible for the cost?
- (2)
 - (a) What systems has the minister put in place, across all local governments, to remedy the shortcomings highlighted in the Auditor General's report?
 - (b) How will the minister police compliance going forward of procurement practices within local government?
 - (c) Does the minister intend to enforce the recommendation of the Auditor General's report that each of the local governments audited should provide an action plan after reviewing their policies, processes and controls?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) This part of the question would be more appropriately directed to the Office of the Auditor General.
- (2)
 - (a) The recommendations are being considered by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries to determine appropriate supports for local governments. An end-of-year communiqué to the sector highlighting key findings relating to sector performance is being devised.
 - (b) The matter is currently under review by the department.
 - (c) Section 7.12A(4) of the Local Government Act 1995 requires that where the auditor has identified a significant matter in the audit report, the local government must prepare a report that addresses these matters, stating what action the local government has taken or intends to take with respect to these matters. A copy of this report must be provided to the minister within three months of the audit report being received by the local government. The chief executive officer must also publish a copy of the report on the local government's official website within 14 days of providing the report to the minister.