

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

378. Hon CHARLES SMITH to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the Western Australian Local Government Association, commonly known as WALGA, which was established under the Local Government Act with powers constituted by the WA state government in 2001. Which government body undertakes a financial and/or disclosure audit of WALGA, particularly with regard to the alleged not-for-profit insurance arm, the Local Government Insurance Scheme?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

The Western Australian Local Government Association, commonly known as WALGA, is constituted as a body corporate under section 9.58 of the Local Government Act 1995. Although the act provided for the establishment of WALGA, it was established as a body corporate, not a government department or agency. As such, no government body has responsibility to undertake financial or disclosure audits of the association or its business units. WALGA must comply with its constitution and is accountable to its member local governments.