

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANS

820. Hon ADELE FARINA to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to emergency management planning by local government authorities.

- (1) Are there agreed standards for emergency management plans developed by local government authorities?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
 - (a) will the minister table a copy of those standards;
 - (b) does the Department of Fire and Emergency Services have a responsibility to ensure that those standards are met; and
 - (c) what measures exist to ensure that those standards are met?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I answer on behalf of the Attorney General. I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2)
 - (a) I now table copies of the emergency management in local government districts policy document, procedures manual and a template of the local emergency management plan.
 - (b) No. Emergency management arrangements in WA are governed by the Emergency Management Act 2005. The State Emergency Management Committee assists with the administration of this act.
 - (c) The State Emergency Management Committee secretariat monitors emergency management planning by local government authorities. Each local government is to set up one or more local emergency management committees, which are required to report annually on their activities, including issues such as the status of their emergency management plans.
- (3) Not applicable.

[See paper 1023.]