

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS — GIFT DISCLOSURE

721. Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the recent local government elections and part 5A of the Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997.

- (1) Is the Department of Communities or individual local governments responsible for the administration of disclosure of gifts?
- (2) Who is responsible for receiving, investigating and prosecuting breaches of these regulations?
- (3) How many complaints have been received by the Department of Communities about potential breaches of these regulations at the most recent local government elections?
- (4) Is the minister aware of any noncompliance, including late disclosure, of these regulations at the most recent local government elections?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) Candidates declare their gifts to local governments.
- (2) It is the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.
- (3) One.
- (4) No.