

CAT ACT — REVIEW

**1121. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

I refer the minister to recent comments made by the federal Minister for Environment, Hon Tanya Plibersek, calling for local governments to be given more powers when it comes to banning cats from being outdoors, and imposing night-time curfews to prevent the extinction of native species.

- (1) Has the Cook government received any approaches from its federal colleagues on this issue in recent months?
- (2) Are there any plans to review the measures within WA's Cat Act 2011, to give local governments more or varied powers here in the west; and, if not, why not?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1)–(2) The Minister for Local Government is aware of the Australian Government's *Threat abatement plan for predation by feral cats 2023: Consultation draft: September 2023*. The next review of the Cat Act 2011 is expected to examine these issues in detail. The state government is also currently working to establish a centralised registration system to consolidate all existing local government cat and dog registers into one online system. This new online system will improve the tracking of animals to support local governments in their enforcement of the Cat Act 2011 and the Dog Act 1976.