



Public Health Act Local Government Reporting

Optional Questions 2017/2018 Financial Year

This document forms a summary of the optional questions for Local Government as part of their 2017/2018 financial year *Public Health Act 2016* reporting. This document is designed to assist Local Governments in collecting the information required to fill in the online consultation - found at <https://consultation.health.wa.gov.au>.

Aquatic Facilities

The Department of Health is reviewing the *Health (Aquatic Facilities) Regulations 2007*.

Generally

1. Do you maintain a database of aquatic facilities in your local government?
2. How many aquatic facilities are located in your Local Government?
3. Of them how many are:
 - a. Group 1
 - b. Group 2
 - c. Group 3
 - d. Group 4

In the 2017/2018 financial year

4. How many aquatic facilities in your local government did Authorised Officers manage?
5. How many were
 - a. Group 1
 - b. Group 2
 - c. Group 3
 - d. Group 4
6. Did you charge a fee for
 - a. Water sampling
 - b. Annual inspection
 - c. Other
7. How many water samples were taken?
8. What is the proportion of authorised officer managed aquatic facilities that are open year round (i.e. not closed seasonally)?
9. How many hours per week (estimated to nearest hour) are required for authorised officers to undertake regulatory requirements for all managed aquatic facilities (when all facilities are open) in your local government?
10. Have there been any closures or other intervention required by an Authorised Officer in your local government area?
 - a. If yes, can you please provide details?

Asbestos

In 2017 the *Health (Asbestos) Regulations 1992* were amended to increase penalties for asbestos offences and enable local governments to issue infringement notices for specified offences.

The Department of Health is reviewing the *Health (Asbestos) Regulations 1992*.

In the 2017/2018 financial year:

1. How many asbestos complaints were received (total)?
2. How many infringement notices have you issued?
3. How many prosecutions were instigated for asbestos-related issues?
4. For the following issues, how many complaints, infringement notices and prosecutions were there (if known)?

Issue	Complaints	Infringe Notices	Prosecutions
a. Illegal dumping			
b. Professional demolitions/removal			
c. Home-owner renovations/removal			
d. Asbestos fences			
e. Soil contamination			
f. Fire damage			
g. Other			

Events

As part of the review of the *Health (Public Buildings) Regulations 1992*, the Department is reviewing the management of events.

Generally:

1. Does your Local Government have a recreation or bookings team/officer (or similar)?
2. Does your Local Government have any current Local Laws which apply to functions or events?
3. What is the most critical issue facing Public Health Act Authorised Officers in the management of events?

In the 2017/2018 financial year:

4. How many events were approved?
5. Do you classify events based on risk?
 - a. If so, how many were:
 - i. Low risk events
 - ii. Medium risk events
 - iii. High risk events
 - iv. Other (please provide details)
6. How many events had:
 - a. Less than 50 people

- b. 50 – 500 people
 - c. 500 – 1000 people
 - d. 1000 – 5000 people
 - e. 5000 – 10000 people
 - f. 10000+ people
7. Do you charge a fee for approving an event?
- a. If yes, what approval fee do you charge for:
 - i. Low risk events
 - ii. Medium risk events
 - iii. High risk events
 - iv. Other/no risk classification (please provide details)
8. How many events have reported or experienced crowd crush issues or near-misses?

Healthy Homes

Laundries and bathrooms

The Department is reviewing the *Health Act (Laundries and Bathrooms) Regulations 1971* and the *Sewerage (Lighting, Ventilation and Construction) Regulations 1971*.

In the 2017/2018 financial year:

1. How many complaints were related to residential laundries?
2. How many complaints were related to residential bathrooms?
3. How many complaints were related to residential toilets?
4. How many inspections of residential laundries, bathrooms and toilets occurred?

Lodging Houses

The Department of Health is reviewing management of Lodging Houses in Western Australia.

Generally:

1. How many lodging houses are there in your local government?
2. What is your registration fee for lodging houses?
3. Do you believe there is a need for legislation on lodging houses?

In the 2017/2018 financial year:

1. How many complaints about a lodging house were received?
 - a. How many of these complaints concerned a registered lodging house?
 - b. How many of these complaints concerned an unregistered lodging house?
2. Have you commenced legal proceedings regarding a lodging house?
3. Have you conducted any inspections of a lodging house? How many?
4. Have there been any illnesses linked to the operation of a lodging house in your district?

Houses unfit for human habitation

The Department of Health is reviewing management of houses unfit for human habitation in Western Australia.

In the 2017/2018 financial year:

1. How many complaints were received related to hoarding?
2. How many complaints were received related to squalor?
3. What is the number of known cases of hoarding in your local government?

4. What is the number of known cases of hoarding with resident living in squalor in your local government?
5. How many houses were declared unfit for human habitation?
6. How many of those were due to hoarding or squalor?
7. How many complaints were received related to dampness or mould in housing?
8. How many complaints were received related to lack of ventilation, poor air quality or lighting in housing?

Public Health Planning

Generally

1. Has your local government produced a public health plan? Yes / No
2. If yes
 - a. Please provide a website link to the plan
 - b. Is the plan still current? Yes / no
 - i. If no, does your Local Government intend to produce another public health plan prior to the enactment of Part 5 of the Public Health Act? Yes / No
 - c. Who was responsible for developing the plan on behalf of your Local Government?
 - i. Existing employee
 - ii. Consultant
 - iii. Health Service Provider
 - iv. Other, please specify
 - d. Did you partner with/or contact any of the following Local Health Service Provider (e.g. North, South, East Metropolitan Health Service or the WA Country Health Service) in the development of the plan? (Yes/No/Unsure)
 - e. Did your Local Government partner with any not-for-profits organisations in the development/implementation of your Public Health Plan? Yes / No (If yes please specify and provide any feedback on that experience.)
3. If no
 - a. Does your Local Government intend to produce a public health plan prior to the enactment of Part 5 of the Public Health Act? Yes / no
4. Are you aware that the Area Health Services (e.g. North, South, East Metropolitan Health Service or the WA Country Health Service) can assist with providing specific health profile data to support the public health planning process?
5. Have you used the public health planning resources that are available through the [Department of Health website](#) to assist local governments with the development of their public health plan? Yes / No
6. Does your local government have a:
 - a. Tobacco / smoke free environments policy? Yes / No
 - b. Alcohol management policy? Yes / No
 - c. Shade policy? Yes / No
 - d. Fast food policy? Yes / No
 - e. Climate change policy? Yes / No
 - f. Other health related policies? Please specify

Public Buildings

The Department of Health is reviewing the *Health (Public Buildings) Regulations 1992*. The following questions relate specifically to permanent buildings and do not include outdoor events which may also be captured by the Regulations.

Generally:

1. How many public buildings are there in your local government?
2. How many of your public buildings do you consider:
 - a. Low risk
 - b. Medium risk
 - c. High risk
 - d. Other (please provide details)
3. Do you register public buildings?
4. Do you maintain a registration database?
5. Do you charge an approval fee for public buildings?
 - a. If yes, what approval fee do you charge for:
 - i. Low risk buildings
 - ii. Medium risk buildings
 - iii. High risk buildings
 - iv. Other/no risk classification (please provide details)
6. Do you charge inspection fees?
 - a. If yes, what inspection fee do you charge?
7. During an inspection of a public building do you assess any of the following?
 - a. Means of egress
 - b. Signage
 - c. Lighting
 - d. Firefighting services and equipment or related records
 - e. Air handling systems or related records
 - f. Automatic fire detection and alarm systems or related records
 - g. Occupant warning systems or related records
 - h. Lifts or related records
 - i. Standby power supply systems or related records
 - j. Building clearance for emergency services access
 - k. Glazed assemblies, balconies, balustrades, refrigerated chambers, strong rooms or vaults
 - l. Bushfire protection measures
8. In what percentage of inspections are one or more of the above safety measures not in efficient working order?
9. What percentage of inspections reveal a change of use that you were not previously aware of?
10. Do you believe that public buildings (not outdoor events) with a capacity of less than 50 people should be excluded from regulation? Why or why not?

In the 2017/2018 financial year:

1. How many complaints have you received about public buildings?
2. How many of the complaints were about crown buildings?
3. How many instances of overcrowding have been reported?

Temporary Toilets

The Department of Health is reviewing the *Health (Temporary Sanitary Conveniences) Regulations 1997* and there are currently no provisions relating to accessible or ambulant temporary toilets.

Generally

1. Do you have an access and inclusion officer or plan?

2. Do you consider the design of ambulant or accessible temporary toilets chosen for use around your local government area?
3. Where temporary toilets are required at an event or site in your local government area do you assess the ambulant or accessible temporary toilet to ensure that it will meet the requirements of patrons with disability?

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