

Significant Issues Impacting the Agency

- Since announcing the Local Government Reform Strategy in 2009, the State Government has expended over \$16.0 million to progress local government reform. This includes funding to support local governments engaged in structural reform and funding to build capacity in strategic planning, asset management and financial planning. This investment has enabled participating local governments to identify additional opportunities for their communities and to better understand their financial and capacity constraints.
- The State Government's additional investment of \$3.0 million in the Metropolitan Local Government Review was announced in June 2011. An independent panel was appointed and is on track to provide its report in mid-2012.
- The State Government has also introduced important reforms to support good governance in the sector and to streamline compliance.
- The *Cat Act 2011* is a new legislative initiative and is aimed at encouraging responsible cat ownership.
- Western Australia is a multicultural society with 27.1% of its citizens born overseas, speaking more than 100 languages and practicing more than 100 religious faiths. The multicultural community plays an important role in enhancing the State's cultural, social and economic advantage.

Outcomes and Key Effectiveness Indicators ^(a)

	2010-11 Actual	2011-12 Budget	2011-12 Estimated Actual	2012-13 Budget Target	Note
Outcome: To build the capability of the Local Government sector to deliver economic and social services to communities:					
Improvement in local government's capability to enable the fulfilment of their responsibility to their communities:					
- proportion of local governments meeting the full set of four capability elements at a basic level.....	1.4%	4 – 9%	4 – 9%	37 – 47%	1
- proportion of capability elements met at the basic level across all local governments.....	33.8%	38 – 46%	38 – 46%	66 – 76%	1
Stakeholder satisfaction rating with the services provided by the Department to build capability in local government.....	79%	80%	80%	80%	
Outcome: A Western Australian public sector which practices the principles of multiculturalism and the empowerment of culturally and linguistically diverse communities to fully participate in Western Australian life:					
Proportion of public sector agencies that accept and practise the principles of multiculturalism:					
- perception of public sector agencies.....	43%	70%	70%	70%	
- perception of culturally and linguistically diverse community groups.....	66%	70%	70%	70%	

(a) Further detail in support of the key effectiveness indicators is provided in the agency's Annual Report.

Explanation of Significant Movements

(Notes)

1. In 2010-11 a new self assessment methodology for measuring local governments' capability was established. This capability measure is an aggregate set of four key capability elements of achievement by local government in strategic community planning, workforce planning, asset management and long-term financial planning. This new capability measure will report progress up to 30 June 2013 and thereafter.