

Section 10A of The Dog Control Act 1996 as amended in 2003 requires Territorial Local Authorities to report on their Dog Control Policies and Practices as follows:

- (1) *A territorial authority must, in respect of each financial year, report on the administration of:*
  - (a) *Its dog control policy adopted under section 10; and*
  - (b) *Its dog control practices.*
- (2) *The report must include, in respect of each financial year, information relating to:*
  - (a) *The number of registered dogs in the territorial authority district;*
  - (b) *The number of probationary owners and disqualified owners in the territorial authority district;*
  - (c) *the number of dogs in the territorial authority district classified as dangerous under section 31 and the relevant provision under which the classification is made;*
  - (d) *the number of dogs in the territorial authority district classified as menacing under section 33A or section 33C and the relevant provision under which the classification is made;*
  - (e) *The number of infringement notices issued by the territorial authority;*
  - (f) *The number of dog related complaints received by the territorial authority in the previous year and the nature of those complaints;*
  - (g) *The number of prosecutions taken by the territorial authority under this Act.*
- (3) *The territorial authority must give public notice of the report—*
  - (a) *By means of a notice published in—*
    - (i) *1 or more daily newspapers circulating in the territorial authority district; or*
    - (ii) *1 or more other newspapers that have at least an equivalent circulation in that district to the daily newspapers circulating in that district; and*
  - (b) *By any means that the territorial authority thinks desirable in the circumstances.*
- (4) *The territorial authority must also, within 1 month after adopting the report, send a copy of it to the Secretary for Local Government.*