

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — FORCED AMALGAMATIONS

**773. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Minister for Local Government:**

I have a supplementary question. How much will it cost and where is the money coming from?

**Mr G.M. CASTRILLI replied:**

Mr Speaker, I think I have just answered that. I have asked local governments to indicate, through their reform submissions, what they believe will be the cost of the reform. If 100 local governments or 40 local governments decide to amalgamate, there will be a totally different set of figures. I have asked local governments to come back to me and indicate what sort of costs there will be in the reform. I have already indicated that I have also sent a letter to the Treasurer indicating that there will be some cost implications for the next budget.