

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMALGAMATIONS —
REGIONAL TRANSITION AND REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE GROUPS

40. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Minister for Local Government:

I have a supplementary question. How can the minister know there will be a better outcome if he does not even know how much it has cost councils to date to comply with his process?

Mr G.M. CASTRILLI replied:

The elephant is coming towards the member for Warnbro! The opposition knows this is the right thing to do. It received a report in 2006 from its own local government advisory board but it was too scared to do anything about it. Federal Labor knows what is right. The opposition should be joining with us for the benefit of Western Australia. It is a relatively cheap investment for the overall reform of local government in this state, which will benefit all communities throughout Western Australia.