

CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMS — MANAGEMENT

987. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Local Government

I refer to page 829 of the 2009–2010 State Budget and the significant issues paragraph that refers to the introduction of new capacity building programs and ask:

- (1) Are the capacity building programs referred to in this paragraph, the same process of structural reform initiated by the Minister with his announcement on 5 February 2009 at Exmouth; and
 - (a) if not, can the Minister give detail of what programs this refers to?
- (2) How many FTE equivalents have been dedicated to these programs?
- (3) What is the direct cost within the Department of managing these programs?

Mr G.M. CASTRILLI replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Four new FTEs have been dedicated. Other Departmental existing resources are also assisting.
- (3) \$500,000 for a new Sustainability Unit including the 4 new FTEs. Other Departmental costs relating to existing resources are being applied.