

COUNTRY LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND

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

Some weeks ago the minister announced at a Local Government Managers Association meeting a country local government fund consisting of \$70 million of taxpayers' money. Can the minister explain —

- (1) Which local governments will be eligible to apply to the fund?
- (2) What criteria will be applied to the applications?
- (3) Will the Western Australian Local Government Association's sustainability checklist be used to ensure that only sustainable local governments receive the money?
- (4) Who will decide on the allocation of grants?

Mr G.M. CASTRILLI replied:

- (1)-(4) I thank the member for the question. I will take it on notice and get the specifics to him as quickly as I possibly can.