

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STRATEGIC PLANS

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

As a supplementary question, does the minister agree with the recommendation for strategic plans, is he working on legislation and will he apply those plans to all the grant schemes that the Minister for Regional Development is throwing out the door?

Point of Order

Mr R.F. JOHNSON: The member is seeking an opinion, which is contrary to standing orders.

The SPEAKER: I will allow the question to stand.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mr G.M. CASTRILLI replied:

I am absolutely committed to long-term strategic planning. I have asked the joint steering committee to report to me on the key areas of governance and strategic planning in the long-term sustainability of local government.

Mr P. Papalia interjected.

Mr G.M. CASTRILLI: I believe in long-term strategic planning. That is what I have just said. The steering committee will report to me on financial capacity, governance capacity and local government capacity. It is as simple as that.