

OUTER METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY FUND

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

As the minister is aware, outer metropolitan local governments share responsibility for servicing populations totalling more than 730 000 people—more than the entire population of regional Western Australia.

- (1) Will the minister guarantee to maintain the outer metropolitan community fund during the life of this government?
- (2) How large a budget allocation has he sought from the Treasurer for the ongoing funding of the outer metropolitan community fund?
- (3) What projects has the minister approved for funding in this year's funding round?

Mr G.M. Castrilli: I am sorry, could the member ask that again, because I got distracted?

Mr P. PAPALIA: The whole lot?

Mr G.M. Castrilli: Yes, please.

Mr P. PAPALIA: Minister, there are 730 000 people in the outer metropolitan local government area—more than the whole population of regions. I ask —

- (1) Will the minister guarantee to maintain the outer metropolitan community fund during the life of this government?
- (2) How large a budget allocation has he sought from the Treasurer for the ongoing funding of the outer metropolitan community fund?
- (3) What projects has the minister approved for funding in this year's funding round?

Mr G.M. CASTRILLI replied:

I thank the member for his question.

- (1)-(3) I have not looked at any further funding for this ongoing budget. That is something I will have a look at. It will be in the budget. I will be looking at that in the context of the whole budget. When that happens, I will let members know.

Several members interjected.