

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM — AMALGAMATIONS

**653. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Minister for Local Government:**

I have a supplementary question. What is the minister's estimate of the cost for every local government in the state to meet his requirement to develop a long-term community strategic plan; and will he table that cost?

**Mr G.M. CASTRILLI replied:**

We are financially helping those local governments that have put up their hands and that want to participate in reform.

**Mr E.S. Ripper:** Answer the question.

**Mr G.M. CASTRILLI:** I am, and if the Leader of the Opposition cares to listen, he might learn something. Those local governments that have put up their hands and are participating in reform will be helped financially. The others that have not will be helped through the templates we have developed and through the education process that we have put in place. The department will assist those local governments and they will have to do that. However, I am financially assisting those local governments that are in the reform process.

**Mr P. Papalia:** How much?

**Mr G.M. CASTRILLI:** I am telling the member. I am helping financially. It varies from council to council depending on size.