

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM AGENDA — ADVERTISING

**933. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the minister representing the Minister for Local Government:**

- (1) How many advertisements have been placed in regional newspapers promoting the forced amalgamation program?
- (2) In which newspapers were the advertisements placed?
- (3) What was the total cost of the advertisements?

**Hon PETER COLLIER replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Advertisements promoting the need for reform have been lodged; no advertisements have been made to promote forced amalgamations. Three advertisements were placed to highlight the inefficiencies of the current structure of local government and the need for reform.
- (2) These advertisements were placed in the *Merredin Wheatbelt Mercury*, *Avon Valley Advocate*, *Wagin Argus*, *Great Southern Herald*, *Mandurah Mail*, *Albany Advertiser*, *Bunbury Mail* and *Western Suburbs Weekly*.
- (3) The value of these advertisements is \$10 181.60, not including goods and services tax. This is inclusive of artwork and production.