

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1132**  
**Asked on Wednesday 29 September 2004**

**MS MALE** asked the Minister for Environment, Local Government, Planning and Women (MS DESLEY BOYLE)–

**QUESTION:**

What is the progress of local councils finalising their planning schemes under the IPA process and the remaining timelines?

**ANSWER:**

By 30 June 2004, 15 of the 123 councils had completed their IPA planning schemes and Cabinet approved the extension of deadlines for the remaining 108 councils to complete their schemes. Since then another 3 councils have completed their IPA schemes.

Each of the 108 councils was consulted regarding an appropriate extension date for their IPA scheme to be implemented.

Review of the progress of the remaining 105 councils against the revised deadlines indicates that about one half of all schemes are expected to be operative by June 2005, with most of the balance requiring a further three months to commence (taking the total to 90% by September 2005). All schemes are expected to be in operation by the end of November 2005, except for the Cook Shire scheme which is expected to commence by March 2006.

Monitoring of scheme progress against the progress milestones and new deadlines is progressing in conjunction with the significant proactive and on-going assistance and advice my Department provides to local governments and their consultants during the scheme drafting process. Such assistance and advice is supported by a substantial body of material published by the Department, including plan making guidelines (including 2 scheme templates) and implementation notes.

My Department also continues to work closely with State agencies to refine their plan-making policy interests to ensure they are appropriate for inclusion within IPA planning schemes, and facilitates discussions between State agencies and local governments during the whole-of-Government review process. This assistance expedites the review process.

The progress of councils as they work through the stages to finalisation of their IPA scheme is tracked and displayed on the Department's web site which is located at:  
[www.lgp.qld.gov.au/applications/planMakingProgress](http://www.lgp.qld.gov.au/applications/planMakingProgress).