

Question on Notice
No. 1018
Asked on Tuesday 7 August 2007

MR HOBBS asked the Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport (MR FRASER) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the Queensland Treasury Corporation's ratings of Councils and given that in volumes 1 and 2 of the Report of the Local Government Commission, some of the new Councils have been rated under that system—

Will he provide the ratings for all of the 72 councils recommended by the Local Government Reform Commission?

ANSWER:

The Government has accepted the recommendations of the Local Government Reform Commission to conduct regular Financial Sustainability Reviews (FSR) of local governments.

A full FSR can only be undertaken once new councils are constituted and operational.

It is only possible to conduct a rigorous FSR once an entity is established. The Local Government Reform Commission noted within their report the likely status of some councils, but did not – as it could not – conduct a FSR given the proposed entities are not yet in fact operational.