

**Question on Notice
No. 1022
Asked on Tuesday 7 August 2007**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the financial sustainability measures used by the Department of Local Government, Planning and Sport—

- (1) What are the current benchmarks, indicators and performance reporting systems (reported separately) used by the department to establish sustainability and how were these systems derived?
- (2) Why did each of these current benchmarks, indicators and performance reporting systems fail in the past (reported separately) and what options are being considered by him (as mentioned in future developments in the Department of Local Government, Planning and Sport 2007-08 Ministerial Portfolio Statement, page 1.11) (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

- (1) I refer the Member to the Queensland Treasury Corporation advice tabled on 22 May 2007.
- (2) The responsibility for sound financial management rests appropriately with local government itself.

The Financial Sustainability Reviews were conducted at the instigation of local government as part of the Size, Shape and Sustainability process.

The Local Government and Planning Ministers' Council has adopted a national framework for sustainability. This will form the basis for the performance monitoring regimes that will be implemented to promote better management into the future.

