

**Question on Notice
No. 779
Asked on Thursday, 24 May 2007**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the \$12m package over two years announced for the employment of interim chief executive officers (CEOs), assistance with management of the change to new arrangements for employees, and support for the provision of voluntary early retirements (VERs) as a last resort—

Will he provide

- (a) an itemised budget (reported separately for each of the 1st and 2nd years) for (i) employment of interim CEOs, (ii) assistance with the management of change to new arrangements for employees and (iii) support for the provision of VERs as a last resort,
- (b) a forecast of the amount of interim CEOs that will be required for the new councils, and
- (c) a forecast of the amount of VERs that will be provided?

ANSWER:

It is premature to forecast these figures before the independent Local Government Reform Commission has provided its recommendations. The \$12 million in funding is an initial allocation which will be reviewed after 1 August 2007.

The \$12 million represents available funding in 2007/2008 under the Regional Collaboration and Capacity Building Program, which had budgeted funds of \$25 million over five years.