

**Question on Notice
No. 884
Asked on Wednesday, 6 June 2007**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to each individual member of the Local Government Reform Commission (reported separately)—

- (1) On which date were they first contacted by him (or his delegate) to consider a position on the commission (reported separately)?
- (2) On which date did each member accept (reported separately)?
- (3) When and where were any meetings held with potential members (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for her question regarding the appointment of the independent seven member Local Government Reform Commission.

Amendments to the *Local Government Act 1993* to provide for a Statewide reform of local government were considered and approved by Cabinet on Monday, 16 April 2007.

Immediately following Cabinet's approval, the following seven people were contacted: Bob Longland, Di McCauley, Tom Pyne, Sir Leo Hielscher, Terry Mackenroth, Bob Quinn and Kevin Yearbury.

These individuals were all contacted via telephone after the Cabinet meeting resolved to establish a Commission. Acceptances from each person were received prior to the announcement of the make up of the Commission on Tuesday, 17 April 2007. The Premier and I met with them on Wednesday, 18 April 2007.

Each of the Commission members, after being briefed on the impending reform process, the need for reform, the independent Commission's role and the timelines involved, agreed to accept the Government's offer to serve.

These seven individuals each have vast experience in Queensland local government and electoral matters. They represent all sides of politics, and each has a reputation beyond reproach.