

Question on Notice
No. 1479
Asked on Thursday 9 October 2008

MR HOBBS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MR PITT)—

QUESTION:

Will he provide the rates of each council in Queensland pre-amalgamation and the rates of each corresponding council post-amalgamation and detail the increase as a percentage?

ANSWER:

The *Local Government Act 1993* gives local governments the ability to use a wide range of rating tools including general rates, differential rating, averaging of valuations, rate capping, separate rates and charges and special rates and charges. From year to year, a local government is able to change the mix of rating tools it uses.

Given the different rating strategies adopted by councils, the information you request is not collected by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation.