

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 620**  
**Asked on Tuesday 29 April 2008**

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

Will he advise (a) how many submissions detailing the financial cost of forced council amalgamations were received and (b) what detailed research was undertaken to consider the financial cost to councils before council amalgamations were approved by the Queensland State Government?

**ANSWER:**

- (a) No submission was received from any individual council prior to the Queensland State Government's approval of council amalgamations. One submission was received from the Local Government Association of Queensland in July 2007.
- (b) The Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation undertook analysis of the likely costs of transition to councils, including analysis of the Local Government Association of Queensland's submission of July 2007. This led to the Queensland State Government committing \$27.1M to support Local Transition Committees and councils during the transition period.