

Question on Notice

No. 1282

Asked on 16 September 2009

MR HOBBS ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (MR FRASER)—

QUESTION:

With reference to council submissions to the Queensland Treasury Corporation (lodged in March 2009) for costs incurred due to the forced council amalgamations—

When will councils receive a response to these submissions?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government provided \$27M to councils to meet the cost of local government amalgamations. However, a number of councils claimed that the net cost of amalgamations will exceed the funding provided to them.

In response, the Government allowed councils to submit claims for special consideration where costs exceed savings. The Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) was appointed to review councils' submissions and report on the likely costs and savings or benefits associated with the amalgamations.

24 submissions were received from councils.

The matter is under consideration by the Local Government Division within the Department of Infrastructure and Planning.