

Question on Notice

No. 880

Asked on 17 September 2015

MS SIMPSON asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade (MS TRAD) –

QUESTION:

With reference to page 67 dot point 7.139 of the 2014 Queensland Labor State Party policy platform, that states that Labor will require the Queensland Competition Authority to ensure that Councils and related entities (a) do not engage in monopolistic predatory market practices, (b) limit increases in rates and charges to the CPI unless exceptional circumstances exist, (c) do not cross-subsidise rates and charges, (d) institute fair pricing principles that ensure ratepayers and consumers are levied rates and charges based on cost recovery plus a fair and reasonable margin to cover future growth, (e) present financial statements in annual reports using a common user-friendly format to enable comparisons from year to year and across councils—

Will the Minister outline the implementation status of these initiatives?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Maroochydore for her question.

This matter relates to Australian Labor Party (ALP) policy rather than the administration of my portfolio. I regularly discuss party policy matters with ALP members in various party fora, but LNP members, like the Member for Maroochydore, are not ordinarily involved in the policy deliberations of the ALP.