

## Question on Notice

No. 992

Asked on 23 August 2018

**MS A LEAHY** asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (Hon S Hinchliffe) –

### QUESTION:

With reference to page 18 of the department's Service Delivery Statement and the listing of Intangibles which have increased from \$7,000 to \$1.3m—

Will the Minister advise (a) what the Intangibles are and (b) why the massive increase?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Warrego for the question.

The \$1.3 million referred represents another step in progressing the commitment of the Palaszczuk government in reviewing local government grants. The Local Government Association of Queensland supported this review and the need to reform and simplify the way in which grants from across State Government are provided to Local Governments.

The \$1.3 million budget allocation will fund the information technology (IT) necessary to develop a new grants management system for the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs (DLGRMA).

The new system will simplify, not only grants management, but it will also be designed to reduce the administrative burden of grants acquittal for Councils for the programs administered by DLGRMA in the first instance. Learnings from this systems development will be used to inform improvements for other State agency grant administration processes.

As an IT system it is not a physical asset and has therefore been identified as an intangible.

No funding was required for this new project in 2017-18.