

Question on Notice

No. 409

Asked on 28 March 2019

MS A LEAHY asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (HON S HINCHLIFFE) –

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the cost estimate to ratepayers for the proposed changes to the local government voting system and public funding of local government candidates expenditure?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Warrego for the question.

On 1 April 2019, I announced that the Government will be undertaking further consultation on public funding of candidates, expenditure caps and the introduction of proportional voting with the aim for these measures to be in place the day after the 2020 Local Government election.

This consultation will help determine the expenditure caps and public funding amounts required.

The Government does not anticipate the change from optional preferential voting to compulsory preferential voting will cost ratepayers anything. The Electoral Commission of Queensland already conducts State elections using compulsory preferential voting.