

RURAL COMMUNITIES - INPUT OF MINISTER

**475. Hon NIGEL HALLETT to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development:**

Can the minister explain what, if any, input he has into government decisions concerning rural communities across other portfolio areas such as roads and utilities?

**Hon JON FORD replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question. Input is achieved through the normal cabinet processes and, when appropriate, through referral to the cabinet standing committee on regional policy. In addition, input into government agency decisions at a regional level is achieved through interagency consultation. Of course, I also receive advice from local governments and regional councils. I take that information into account.