

REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS, MINISTER'S SUPPORT

375. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development:

- (1) Does the minister's new title and responsibilities mean that he endorses a policy change in support of regional governments as previously promoted by the former Labor Prime Minister, Gough Whitlam, in the 1970s?
- (2) Does the minister support the amalgamation of local authorities in Western Australia based on the existing development commission boundaries?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1)-(2) No.