

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES — RATES — WEBSITE FIGURES

608. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the Department of Local Government and Communities website, mycouncil.wa.gov.au.

- (1) Is the minister aware that the figures relating to rate increases used on the DLGC website are significantly different from the figures released by the Western Australian Local Government Association on its knowyourcouncil.com website?
- (2) Is the minister of the view that his department's figures are inaccurate?
- (3) If yes to (2), what is the reason for these inaccuracies and has he directed the department to rectify them?
- (4) If no to (2), can the minister explain how his department calculated its rate increase figures and how he defends the use of these figures?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The minister has provided the following advice —

- (1) Yes.
- (2) No.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) The rates information contained on the mycouncil.com website is taken directly from local governments' own audited financial statements.