

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — AMALGAMATIONS

289. Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN to the Minister for Local Government:

I have a supplementary question. Given the dire state of the government's finances, why is the minister proposing to provide buckets of money, or a bucket, for amalgamation, despite evidence that this does not provide financial gains for the state or for ratepayers?

Mr A.J. SIMPSON replied:

Again, I restate, member, that we will have to wait for the report to come out and identify how I am going to fund that process.

Mr D.A. Templeman: Will the reports say how much?

Mr A.J. SIMPSON: Yes. I will identify a financial model that will be rolled out with the reform process.