

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — FUNDING CUTS

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

I refer to \$5.5 million worth of cuts to payments to local government funding announced by the Treasurer this week, and in particular cuts to funding for local government fire and emergency services purposes and the community sporting and recreation facilities fund.

- (1) Which councils will be affected by these funding cuts affecting local government this year?
- (2) What equipment or services or CSRFF projects will no longer be able to be provided due to these cuts this year?
- (3) Why did the minister agree to these cuts?

**Mr A.J. SIMPSON replied:**

I thank the member for the question.

- (1)–(3) There are actually no cuts to funding. We are going through a process of just holding back some payments.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members!

**Mr A.J. SIMPSON:** More importantly, there are no cuts. The money will always be there; it is just a process we are going through. On 1 July, all the funds will be available. In answer to questions regarding which local governments and which services, unfortunately, I do not know.