

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS, ONE VOTE, ONE VALUE

358. Hon P D Omodei to the Premier

- (1) Does the Australian Labor Party support our system of local government in Western Australia?
- (2) As it is the intention of the Government to introduce "One Vote, One Value" for State elections, is it the intention of the Government to introduce 'One Vote, One Value' for local government elections?
- (3) If not, why not?
- (4) What will the quota of votes be for -
 - (a) the metropolitan area; and
 - (b) regional Western Australia?

Dr GALLOP replied:

- (1) Yes
- (2)-(3) The Local Government Act 1995 requires local governments to have regard for the ratio of councillors to electors when reviewing wards. I support this provision, believing that within each local government district, electors should be equally represented by members as far as possible.
- (4) Not applicable.