

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT — REFORM

537. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the “Local Government Reforms – Summary of Proposed Reforms” released by the Minister, and ask:

- (a) What was the extent of public input into the report; and
- (b) By what means was public input into the report attained?

Mr J.N. Carey replied:

- (a)–(b) This document was developed for the purpose of undertaking public consultation on the McGowan Government’s proposed local government reforms. The document was designed to assist any interested party to make comments on reform proposals.

The package of reforms proposed for the local government sector was developed last year, based on a significant body of prior work and consultation, including the findings of:

The Local Government Act Review (conducted by DLGSC between 2017–2020);

The Local Government Panel Final Report (2020);

The City of Perth Inquiry Report (2020);

The Select Committee into Local Government Report (2020); and

Direct engagement with the local government sector and the community.

The package of reform proposals was open for public comment from 10 November 2021 to 25 February 2022. Over 200 submissions were received, and have been reviewed and considered.

The final package of reform proposals was released on 3 July 2022.

An expanded document, as well as further background and a Questions and Answers document on the proposed Local Government Inspector and Monitors, are available on Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries website. Public submissions have also been published on this website, if the author of the submission has consented.