

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIPS, FUNDING

**501. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development:**

In the minister's interview with Radio Mulba in Port Hedland he said -

We reckon that we can come up with some funds on the table in the next month or so that will deliver partnerships that will work for this community.

What did the minister mean by that statement, and what will be the justification for the funding?

**Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:**

In a letter to the council that I signed off on Monday, I referred to a number of partnerships on offer between the State Government and local councils. There is a whole range of schemes, including the regional investment fund, from which funds have been made available to the Port Hedland council. These include the \$4.5 million state contribution to the regional investment fund for the Port Hedland enhancement scheme. As well as that, partnerships are offered to councils through black spot funding, a range of pathways initiatives, the community sport and recreation facilities fund, and other initiatives under active consideration by the Government.