

CITY OF SWAN, DISCOUNTING OF RATES

579. Mrs ROBERTS to the Minister for Local Government:

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the City of Swan discounting the overdue rates of Mr Peter Bacich?
- (2) What was the discount and why was it given?
- (3) Are all local Government ratepayers entitled to discounts?
- (4) Is this a practice that the Minister condones?
- (5) Do all local Government authorities discount rates?
- (6) What criteria, if any, apply to the discounting of council rates?

Mr OMODEI replied:

- (1) No, although I am aware that Mr Bacich and the Council have been in dispute over rates due on a property or properties.
- (2)-(3) Not applicable.
- (4) Councils are able to waive or reduce rates and service charges or grant other concessions under S6.47 of the Local Government Act 1995.
- (5) Not known.
- (6) S 6.47 of the Local Government Act requires a Council to resolve by an absolute majority any decision to waive or reduce a rate or service charge or to grant a concession.