

Question No: 154

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Member: Mr BELL

To: MINISTER for LOCAL GOVERNMENT

What financial incentives are offered to communities to incorporate under the Community Government section of the Local Government Act.

ANSWER

The advantages accruing to the communities are structural and organisational plus the ability to receive 'as of right' funding from both the Northern Territory and the Commonwealth, with financial inducements being very much a secondary consideration. However, in the extensive community consultation process leading up to the decision to take on community government, the Office of Local Government will assist in -

paying the travelling expenses of members to look at community governments in other areas and providing grants to ensure the newly established council has essential infrastructure (eg a suitable council office).