



### STED Scheme funding 3 June 2004

**Mrs PENFOLD (Flinders):** Will the Minister for State/Local Government Relations advise the house when the government is going to increase funding allocations to the Local Government Septic Tank Effluent Disposal Scheme to bring funding into line with SA Water sewer schemes funding subsidies? The Local Government Septic Tank Effluent Disposal Scheme, which is jointly funded by state and local governments, now has a 30 year waiting list.

**The Hon. R.J. McEWEN (Minister for State/Local Government Relations):** I am delighted with that question. In fact, if I had thought of it I would have got someone on this side to ask me a dorothy dixer so that I could indicate to the house that yesterday the Local Government Association—

*Members interjecting:*

**The Hon. R.J. McEWEN:** I should have thought of it. You know that I have a practice of having no dorothy dixer asked, but it occurred to me that this is such a good question that it gives me the opportunity to put this on the record. Just yesterday the government, in association with the Local Government Association, agreed on a strategy in terms of how we move forward on STEDS. I will now need to take that to my cabinet colleagues, and equally John Legoe is going to take that back to his association. You would also know that I brought back into the budget an appropriate level of funding which the previous government had dropped out of the budget. What we are now doing is looking to work with local government in a sector-wide approach, and I am sure that we are going to have a lot more good news about that in the very near future.