

FACT SHEET 1:

Basic facts about Australian Local Government

(compiled July 2011)

1. Number of councils¹

565 in 2011 (compared to 1067 in 1910)

2. Number of local government elected members at July 2009²

5070. 1440 (28.4%) are women.

3. Number of Local Government employees at June 2010³

185,400

4. Percentage of women employees in local government 2006⁴

43% (58,520 female employees out of 135,841 employees)

5. Population of the largest elected council⁵

Brisbane City Council: 1,067,279 people at 30 June 2010

6. Local Government Revenue 2009-10⁶

\$32,418 million including:

- \$11,566 million in taxation revenue, principally rates (35.7%)
- \$9,276 million in sales of goods and services (28.6%)
- \$2,894 million in grants and subsidies (8.9%)

7. Local Government expenditure 2009-10⁶

\$27,891 million including:

- \$6,812 million on housing and community amenities (24.4%)
- \$6,129 million on transport and communications (22.0%)
- \$4,071 million on recreation and culture (14.6%)

8. Local Government Assets 2009-10⁶

\$326,526 million, including \$306,827 million (94%) as land and fixed assets

9. Formation of the first Municipal institutions⁷

Adelaide Corporation 1840; City of Sydney July 1842; Town of Melbourne August 1842

¹ 2007-08 Local Government National Report (LGNR) p49; personal communication Dept of Regional Australia

² Local Government and Planning Minister's Council Women in Local Government Strategy 2009-12 p3

³ Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Cat 6248.0 issued 16/12/2010

⁴ ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing Cat 2068.0

⁵ Queensland Treasury www.oesr.qld.gov.au/products/profiles/pop-housing-profiles-lga/pop-housing-profile-brisbane.pdf accessed 28 July 2011 and LGNR

⁶ ABS Cat 5512.0 Government Finance Statistics 2009-10 Issued 20/4/11

⁷ LGNR p 2