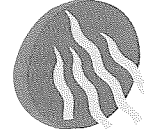




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Mr N Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your letter of 29 April 2009, to the Honourable Neil Roberts MP, Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services regarding a petition received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly (No. 1217-09) in relation to the provision of Queensland Government funding to the Hinchinbrook Shire Council.

The petition requests funding for the construction of emergency accommodation or an evacuation centre in the township of Ingham. The Department of Public Works does not provide funding to local governments for the construction of municipal buildings.

I would be pleased if you could table this letter as my response to the petition.

I trust this information addresses your enquiry. If I can be of assistance with other matters within my portfolio, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely

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