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FUNDS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Local Government will receive funds being made available under the Federalism policy in one amount as early as possible in each financial year.

The Government will legislate soon for the early payment of funds to local government in this and future years.

The Government's decision will relieve substantially the period of tight liquidity which local government generally faces in the first quarter of its financial year until the main cash flow from rates commences.

As already announced, local government is to receive \$140 million in general revenue assistance in 1976/77 an increase of 75% over the amount provided last year.

These funds will be available as soon as the relevant legislation is passed and the State authorities have determined the distribution to individual local government authorities.

In future years local government can expect to receive general revenue funds provided by the Commonwealth as soon as the State authorities advise the Commonwealth of the distribution between individual councils.