

LORD MAYOR OF PERTH — CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION REPORT

672. Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the Corruption and Crime Commission's report into Perth Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi that was released almost a year ago.

- (1) Has the minister requested from the State Administrative Tribunal when a final resolution to this saga is likely; and, if not, why not?
- (2) Why has the saga, which has damaged the reputation of the office of the Lord Mayor and the City of Perth, not been resolved considering that the Premier stated in February this year that he expected a quick resolution to this issue?

Mr A.J. SIMPSON replied:

- (1)–(2) I thank the member for the question. The member is correct. In about October last year, the Corruption and Crime Commission handed down a report to me as the Minister for Local Government with the words that I could take it through the Local Government Act. Since that time the director general of the Department of Local Government and Communities has instructed the State Solicitor's Office to take care of this case—so at the moment it is in the hands of the State Administrative Tribunal. It will be listed when it is time for it to come up for hearing. Regarding the timing, it is out of my hands. I do not have any input into this process.

Mr D.A. Templeman interjected.

Mr A.J. SIMPSON: All I know from the updates that I receive —

Mr D.A. Templeman interjected.

Mr A.J. SIMPSON: This is quite clearly in the hands of the State Administrative Tribunal.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mr A.J. SIMPSON: It is in the hands of the State Administrative Tribunal. That is where it should be. It is going through the process.

Mr D.A. Templeman interjected.

Mr A.J. SIMPSON: If the member wants to ask a question about it, he should talk to the State Administrative Tribunal.