

CITY OF PERTH — MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S COMMENTS

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

I have a supplementary question. Is the minister not refusing to intervene in this turmoil and mess —

**Mr A.J. Simpson:** What do you suggest I do?

**The SPEAKER:** Just hold it a minute. Right—supplementary.

**Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN:** Is the minister not refusing to intervene in this turmoil and mess that is the City of Perth council because it is a Liberal-controlled council; and, if that is not the reason —

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Thank you! I want to hear this in silence.

**Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN:** Is the minister not refusing to intervene in this mess and this turmoil that is the City of Perth because it is a Liberal-controlled council; and, if that is not the reason, what is the reason the minister is not interfering?

**Mr A.J. SIMPSON replied:**

I can only restate what I said before. At the end of the day, I do not really care which way the council —

**Mr D.A. Templeman:** Are you protecting the council?

**Mr A.J. SIMPSON:** I am not protecting anyone, member. I am not protecting anyone.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Mandurah, you have been called to order twice, and I have been very lenient on you. If you carry on shouting, I will call you three times. If you carry on shouting, you will have a rest.

**Mr A.J. SIMPSON:** I am following the Local Government Act to the T. I am following everything that is involved in that process. The department has advised me of that. We have to go through this process. As I stated in the answer to the question before, I have put the council on notice. What is more important for me is to make sure that those councillors provide good services to the ratepayers.