

COUNCILLOR JEMMA GREEN — CITY OF PERTH — ALLEGATIONS

**67. Mr A. KRSTICEVIC to the Minister for Local Government:**

It has come to my attention that Councillor Jemma Green has a longstanding issue with the CEO of the City of Perth and it appears that as Acting Lord Mayor she has breached both the code of conduct and the Local Government Act.

- (1) When did the minister first become aware of the investigation into the CEO of the City of Perth and what was his understanding of the investigation?
- (2) When did the minister last speak with Jemma Green and what was the nature of those discussions?

**Mr J.N. Carey** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Perth!

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** Has the minister had any communications —

**Mr J.N. Carey** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Perth, I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** Do you want me to start again, Mr Speaker?

**The SPEAKER:** Start again.

**Ms M.M. Quirk** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Girrawheen!

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** It has come to my attention that Councillor Jemma Green has a longstanding issue with the CEO of the City of Perth, and it appears that as Acting Lord Mayor she has breached both the code of conduct and the Local Government Act.

**Ms M.M. Quirk** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Girrawheen, I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** My question continues —

- (1) When did the minister first become aware of the investigation into the CEO of the City of Perth, and what was his understanding of the investigation?
- (2) When did the minister last speak with Jemma Green, and what was the nature of those discussions?
- (3) Has the minister had any communication with the member for Perth regarding this investigation; and, if so, what was the nature of that communication?

**Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:**

- (1)–(3) As we are well aware, some allegations have become apparent over the last few days. To answer the member's question about Councillor Green—I would be very cautious, member—there is an investigation underway. Until those matters are determined and I have received advice from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries—the department continues to speak with officials and those involved in the City of Perth—I am not going to draw any views on the practices of individuals, as the member appears to have. I am not going to. I will wait for advice from the department, which is meeting with officials. These are allegations about issues that have been made and I will wait and give due process to that and assess the advice I receive.

With regard to when I last met with Councillor Green, it was in her capacity as Acting Lord Mayor and it was at a meeting of the City of Perth Committee which is, of course, a statutory committee, a requirement of which is to meet at least twice a year. That was late last year.

I will wait for the appropriate investigations and information to be sought before I draw a conclusion that the member seems already to have arrived at. That is procedural fairness.

**Mr A. Krsticevic** interjected.

**Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN:** You seem to have a habit of this! You come into the house, under the protection of this place, and throw all sorts of allegations around. Well, that is your behaviour. That is how you behave; that is not how I behave, and that is not how many decent people behave, so if you want to keep doing it, that is fine, but you will be found out because your behaviour is appalling.