

CITY OF PERTH BILL 2015 — CRAWLEY FINGER — CITY OF SUBIACO

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

I refer to the question that the minister responded to on 21 May this year from the member for Carine, when the minister stated that his government is, and I quote —

... working with the City of Subiaco on transitional arrangements for affected ratepayers in the area known as the Crawley finger.

Several members interjected.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: Mr Speaker, I need your protection!

I ask —

- (1) Why has the Mayor of Subiaco, Heather Anderson, said that there has not been any negotiation with the minister or his office regarding the Crawley finger?
- (2) Why is the minister blatantly misleading Parliament about conversations and negotiations he is having, whereas the other party flatly refutes this has ever happened?

Mr A.J. SIMPSON replied:

- (1)–(2) I thank the member for the question. There are a couple of things with regard to the question of the member for Carine. The actual legislation that is in the house does have transitional arrangements in it for the City of Subiaco, so the bill has a transition process in it. With regard to meeting with the City of Subiaco, my department has made many inquiries to meet with the mayor and the CEO. We are yet to get a response back, but we did have an initial meeting through the process of bringing the bill together. So we have engaged with them at the start.

Mr D.A. Templeman: You said that you were working with the City of Subiaco on transitional arrangements.

The SPEAKER: Member for Mandurah, let the minister answer.

Mr A.J. SIMPSON: I just answered that question with regard to transitional arrangements.

Mr D.A. Templeman interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Mandurah, you asked a question, and unless the minister has got extra eyes, he cannot see your paper. Just let him answer. I will give you a supplementary question.

Mr A.J. SIMPSON: I just want to clarify a point. The bill makes it quite clear that there are transitional arrangements for the City of Subiaco as it transitions into that process. We are quite clearly working through that. We worked with Subiaco prior to bringing the legislation in, and I know that definitely one letter has gone from the department to request a meeting with the Subiaco CEO and mayor. We have had no reply to that one. More importantly, let us keep in sight the bigger picture here. The City of Perth is our capital city. This bill will enshrine that into legislation as our capital city. The main component that makes up the extended boundary of the City of Perth is the University of Western Australia. UWA wants to come into the City of Perth. It is very keen for that to happen. But keep in mind that currently having the boundaries of three local governments meet at UWA is definitely unworkable.

This is a good bit of legislation that enshrines the City of Perth as our capital city. We only need to look out the window to see 20-odd cranes working in the capital city. It is a busy place. It is time now that we do it. We are now going through that process. It is important to look at this and try to refine our capital city. It is good legislation. I will ask the member a question. Where does the member for Mandurah stand on the City of Perth?

Mr D.A. Templeman: Can I respond to that?

The SPEAKER: No. I would love you to, but no.