

CITY OF PERTH — PARKING MANAGEMENT

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

I refer to the proposed changes to the boundaries of the City of Perth and the potential impact on the Perth parking management area.

- (1) Will the minister rule out an expansion of the Perth parking management area?
- (2) If the minister does not rule an expansion of the Perth parking management area, how will this impact on parking fees for patients and staff at the Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre and students at the University of Western Australia?
- (3) Will any changes result in the currently free parking area at Crown Resort no longer being free?

Mr A.J. SIMPSON replied:

- (1)–(3) I thank the member for Mandurah for his question. The member is referring to a parking levy around the City of Perth. As I understand, the idea of this parking levy, which is the same cost as a one zone ticket on a train or a bus, is to make sure we get people to utilise public transport and keep cars out of Perth. That is the goal behind the parking levy program. The member asked if Crown, QEII and the City of Vincent will be involved in the reform process that we are going through and the new boundaries. The answer is that that work has to be done by the advisory board. The process has to go through the Minister for Transport. The interesting part is that we are trying to get the money into —

Mr D.A. Templeman: Yesterday the minister said he would toy with freezing rates and this morning the Premier slammed it down.

The SPEAKER: Member for Mandurah, you have asked a question; let the minister answer the question and then you can ask a supplementary.

Mr A.J. SIMPSON: So we understand one thing, member for Mandurah: Crown is private land, so that process is up to them. QEII is under the Minister for Health, and therefore under the jurisdiction of health. The rest of the process will be trying to work with the City of Perth. The parameters have all been set and we have to go through the process to work out where the city will grow.