

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT — REFORM

665. Mr A. KRSTICEVIC to the Minister for Local Government:

I have a supplementary question. Can the minister confirm that he is intending to give himself ultimate power to sack local government mayors and councillors?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

Goodness gracious! This obviously worries the member for Carine. There must be a process, a process that is clear and transparent and that ensures a fairness and, indeed, is based on the principles of natural justice. That is the sort of bill we will bring to this house. I tell you what: when we bring it into this chamber, I expect the member for Carine to give it thorough investigation. We will bring in a bill that is fair and allows the minister of the day to address issues around an individual who ultimately may, through their behaviour and actions, bring a council into disrepute. I think most people in Western Australia will support it.