

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — AMALGAMATIONS — NATIONAL PARTY POLICY

**292. Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN to the Deputy Leader of the National Party:**

I have a supplementary question. Will the minister and his party colleagues put their money where their mouths are and vote against any legislation forcing amalgamations?

*Point of Order*

**Mr J.M. FRANCIS:** Mr Speaker, I refer you to standing order 75(2), which states that questions may be asked of the leader of a party in government regarding that party's policies. The last time I checked, the Leader of the National Party was not in this house, and I would ask you to rule that question and the supplementary question out of order.

**Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN:** Further to the point of order, Mr Speaker —

**The SPEAKER:** There is no point of order. Carry on.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:**

I just want to restate that the National Party has a position on forced amalgamations, and the National Party supports that position.

**The SPEAKER:** That concludes question time.

**Mr P. Papalia** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Thank you, member for Warnbro. I call you to order for the first time.

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** I seek leave to give a late notice of motion.

**Mr P.B. Watson** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Albany, I call you to order for the second time.