

SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES AMENDMENT (DEBT AND DEFICIT REMEDIATION) BILL 2017

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

Mr Speaker —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members, not across the chamber, please. You have got your own member on his feet, member for Cottesloe. I know you might not want to hear him, but he is talking.

Mr A. KRSTICEVIC: I refer to the Salaries and Allowances Amendment (Debt and Deficit Remediation) Bill 2017 and the fact that the state government gives local governments over \$400 million a year. Is it true that the minister was intending to freeze the salaries and allowances of local government CEOs, but abandoned this objective to rush through his half-baked legislation, and was this for political rather than financial reasons?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

I thank the member for Carine for his question, but he is directing his question to the wrong person. I am not responsible for the bill that is currently before the house, but I hope the member will support it, because he has not been supporting any other measures aimed at fixing up the economy that he and his party are responsible for. He is not doing anything about that, is he? No, he has not done anything about that. He has gone and given up on that, so I hope the member will support the bill that I am not responsible for.

The SPEAKER: This is the Speaker's chair; could you speak through it, please?

Several members interjected.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: Sorry! Mr Speaker, the question —

The SPEAKER: Remember, I sat you down last time, minister. You did not like that.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: Yes.

The question from the member for Carine refers to me and my bill.

Mr A. Krsticevic interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Carine!

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: It is not my bill. It is the government's bill, but the bill is intended to make sure that a role model is set for those people who have the capacity to share the burden—the burden placed on this state by the member and his party on the families of Western Australia. The opposition has destroyed part of our measures to try to fix its mess. I hope that the member will support the bill when it is brought on tomorrow through an urgency motion, because he needs to recognise, like the Leader of the Opposition and his colleagues on his side, that this is about fixing their mess and they have to take responsibility. The opposition has not taken any responsibility at all for the trashed economy that it delivered to the state of Western Australia.