

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — AMALGAMATIONS

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

I have a supplementary question. How can the minister force through unwanted reforms and then have the gall to force the ratepayers to pay for their demise?

Mr A.J. SIMPSON replied:

I did not say I would. I never said I would. I will restate the same thing I have been saying the whole time in this house: the most important person in this place is the ratepayer. What we are trying to do here is to make sure —

Mr D.A. Templeman interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Mandurah, I call you to order for the third time. Minister, give us a short answer.

Mr A.J. SIMPSON: Mr Speaker, reform is happening; we are getting on with the job.