

CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION REPORT — LORD MAYOR

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

I have a supplementary question. Does the minister have confidence in the Lord Mayor of Perth, given the serious allegations that have now been disclosed in his department's report; and, if he does not believe she should resign, why not?

**Mr A.J. SIMPSON replied:**

Can I just make one thing very clear: the Local Government Act 1995 does not make it the minister's choice to sack any elected member of a council. I make that very, very clear. The act does not allow us to do that.

**Mr D.A. Templeman** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Mandurah, do you want to have a rest?

**Mr A.J. SIMPSON:** Whether we are talking about who should resign or what should go on, more importantly, it is my job to implement the Local Government Act.

**Mr D.A. Templeman:** You haven't done your job.

**Mr A.J. SIMPSON:** I have. Member of the opposition, I have followed the act all the way. I have followed it to a T, and I will follow it from now on in. The director general will go through that process and we will get to the bottom of it.