

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMALGAMATIONS — SUBIACO

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

I have a supplementary question. Does the minister still claim that his reforms have the support of the majority of councils although an increasing number are now in open opposition to them?

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

There will always be a little of what I call robustness out there —

Several members interjected.

**Mr A.J. SIMPSON:** — but behind the scenes there is a lot of work happening around this process —

**Mr J.R. Quigley:** You lied to the people —

*Withdrawal of Remark*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Butler, can you withdraw that, please?

**Mr J.R. QUIGLEY:** I withdraw it.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Mandurah, do not answer your own question, please.

**Mr A.J. SIMPSON:** A lot of work has been happening behind the reform process and it is on its way. The interesting part here, members, is that we all understand that local government reform has been on the agenda for a long time. This government is making a decision about it and getting on with the job. We are waiting for that report, and I am confident that it will be a good report that will ensure that we have good, sustainable local government now and into the future.