

CITY OF PERTH — COUNCILLORS — FREE SPEECH POLICY

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

I ask a supplementary question. When will the minister act to ensure that the chaos that has now paralysed the City of Perth is resolved, including the ridiculous time it has taken—now over a year—to deal with the Corruption and Crime Commission findings against the Lord Mayor?

**Mr P.T. MILES replied:**

The previous minister made it very clear in this house on many occasions that after the CCC report, which was tabled last year—I think in around October—the Department of Local Government then had its investigation, which it had to do. The CCC did not allow the Department of Local Government to use the information that it had gleaned through the report, so it had to do a full-on investigation. When that investigation was done, which took about —

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

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Mandurah, I call you for the third time. You decide whether you want to stay or you want to go. It is up to you.

**Mr P.T. MILES:** That took some six months or so to do. The Department of Local Government through its processes decided which course of action to take in regard to the Lord Mayor. It went to the State Administrative Tribunal. A hearing was had in SAT.

**Ms M.M. Quirk** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Girrawheen!

**Mr P.T. MILES:** A hearing was had in SAT in July. Further discussions were had in the lead-up to mediation, which is happening next week. Once the mediation happens between the State Solicitor's Office and the department, and the Lord Mayor's legal people, they will be able to obviously process it through further.