

DEPARTMENT OF RACING, GAMING AND LIQUOR, EMPLOYMENT OF ACTS AT LICENSED
PREMISES

1103. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

- (1) Will the minister confirm that the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor has recently implemented a new policy guideline making the hiring of interstate or international acts a key condition of extended trading hours on public holidays?
- (2) On what basis has this policy been implemented?
- (3) Does the minister support a policy that effectively discriminates against local bands and performers?
- (4) If not, will the minister direct his department to ensure that Western Australian talent has the same right to perform at licensed premises as imported bands and disc jockeys?

Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS replied:

- (1)-(4) A policy exists that deals with extended trading hours. That policy refers to non-Western Australian performers. I have recently examined its wording to ensure that it is absolutely clear that this issue will in no way damage the interests of Western Australian performers.