

RACING INDUSTRY, SEPARATION OF FUNCTIONS

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

- (1) With respect to the Machinery of Government Taskforce changes, why is it proposed to locate responsibility for the racing codes and the Totalisator Agency Board under different ministers?
- (2) Will the minister acknowledge that this proposal makes no sense at all, and will he indicate what he intends to do to prevent its occurring?
- (3) If the separation of functions is inevitable, how does the minister intend to reconcile and coordinate those two essential components of the racing industry?

Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS replied:

- (1)-(3) I thank the member for some notice of this question. The member should be aware of the fact that the Machinery of Government Taskforce changes are yet to be implemented. I suggest he be patient.