

LIQUOR LICENSING REVIEW

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

About nine months ago, the Premier announced that the proposals of last year to radically amend the liquor licensing process would not proceed and a comprehensive review would be undertaken. The minister announced the terms of reference for that review about six months ago. I have questioned him several times about the names of the people selected to conduct this review and the time frame for its inquiry. Will he now provide these details to the House?

Hon NICK GRIFFITHS replied:

I thank the honourable member for a very specific question. About nine months ago - I think the Premier's statement was made in March - the Premier announced the -

Hon Barry House: It is at least seven or eight months ago.

Hon NICK GRIFFITHS: Hon Barry House is a great mathematician! As the honourable member well knows, the review is under way and has been for some time. The head of the review is Mr Jim Fremantle and the other members of the review panel are Ms Wendy Silver and Mr George Bray. The review is operating on an independent basis. It is a matter for the review members when they make their report.

The PRESIDENT: I acknowledge the presence in the President's gallery of Mr Raffaele Anastasio, the Director General of the Education Department of Calabria.