

CASINO TAX, SHORTFALL

1117. Hon Barry House to the Minister for Racing and Gaming

I refer to the 2003-2004 State Budget, and ask -

- (1) Is the Government expecting a shortfall of \$5 million in Casino Tax for 2002-2003?
- (2) What is the reason for this drop in budgeted Casino Tax from \$46 million to \$41 million?
- (3) Why is the Minister confident that the budget estimate of \$47 million in Casino Tax for 2003-2004 will be achieved?

Hon NICK GRIFFITHS replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Gross casino revenue for 2002/03 was less than budgeted.
- (3) Because of the budgeted gross casino revenue for 2003/04 and the amended casino tax rates set out in Schedule "C" [to be ratified by the Casino (Burswood Island) Agreement Amendment Bill 2003] of the Agreement scheduled to the Casino (Burswood Island) Agreement Act 1985.