

RACING RADIO, PROGRAMMING FORMAT, CHANGE

1109. Hon Barry House to the Minister for Racing and Gaming

I refer to the Racing Radio programming format, and ask -

- (1) What has been the public response since the format of Racing Radio was changed about the end of 2002?
- (2) What interstate racing information, including previews, scratchings and riding changes, is available on Wednesdays?
- (3) At what time/s is this information broadcast?

Hon NICK GRIFFITHS replied:

1. The TAB has advised that there has been positive feedback from all codes since the format of Racing Radio was changed on the 6th January 2003.

2 & 3. The following is a breakdown of the current Wednesday program:

6.30 – 7.00

Dean Lester, a Melbourne form analyst, previews the Melbourne meeting. He concentrates on selections for the quaddie and gives his best bets for the day.

8.30

National Scratching Service – scratchings for each meeting are announced.

8.50

Shane Templeton's Melbourne preview.

8.55

Ray Huxley's Melbourne preview.

9.30 – 10.30

Previews for eastern states by:

Chris Scholtz – Sydney

Graeme Fisher – Adelaide

Peter Bredhon – Queensland

Bill Hutchinson – Melbourne Harness Preview

9.30 – 10.30

In addition to the above previews, further scratchings and gear changes are conducted 30 minutes prior to the first race.

NOTE: In the event that two previews are scheduled at the same time, one will be recorded and played at a later time.