

CRUISE SHIPS, GAMBLING FACILITIES

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

I refer to the current cruises by the Star Charter ships *SuperStar Leo* and *SuperStar Virgo* being conducted from Fremantle and involving other Western Australian ports.

- (1) What gambling facilities are available on these ships?
- (2) Have the ships' operators applied for any gaming licences from the Government for any activities relating to those voyages?
- (3) What steps did the Government take to inform itself of and regulate gambling issues relating to these voyages?
- (4) What is the Government's ongoing policy with regard to these voyages?

Hon NICK GRIFFITHS replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The *SuperStar Virgo* has casino-type gaming machines and table games.
- (2) No.
- (3) Following receipt of advice from the Crown Solicitor's Office, the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor advised the agent of the *SuperStar Virgo* that gambling on the ship can be conducted only when the ship is outside 2000 nautical miles from baseline of the State or the outer limit of the continental shelf, whichever is the greater distance.
- (4) The Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor will continue to enforce Western Australian gambling laws as outlined in answer to (3).

The PRESIDENT: If, after indicating the general nature of his question, Hon Bill Stretch seeks leave to have his question incorporated in *Hansard*, I am sure members would be grateful, as they would be to have the 10-page response incorporated.