

PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE INCREASES, EFFECT ON SPORTING CLUBS

**Hon BARRY HOUSE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation:**

- (1) Is the minister aware of riding schools closing down in the south west because of the big increase in premiums for public liability insurance?
- (2) Is the minister also aware that the Pony Club Association of Western Australia is facing a major crisis because of the public liability insurance issue?
- (3) What is the State Government doing to help the Pony Club Association and other volunteer-based sporting groups in Western Australia to overcome the big increase in public liability insurance premiums?

**Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The minister understands that some commercial riding schools are under pressure to remain viable.
- (2) The minister has been advised that the Pony Club Association of Western Australia is negotiating with its insurers to provide public liability cover.
- (3) The State Government has established an across-government working party to ascertain issues and the potential for government action.