

MR TED VAN HEEMST

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

- (1) What was the minister's justification for approving a two-year extension to Mr Ted van Heemst's term as Chairman of the Western Australian Turf Club?
- (2) Has Mr van Heemst already been earmarked for a role with the proposed new Western Australian racing and wagering board?

**Hon NICK GRIFFITHS replied:**

- (1) My approval to extend the term of the current chair of the Western Australian Turf Club from six years to eight years was given at the request of the Turf Club. I sought advice on that. The advice I received was to the effect that such a decision would not be contrary to the interests of the Governor. I forget the precise phrase, but it deals with what is in the appropriate interests of the Governor. That being the case, it was my duty and view to agree with what was sought by the Turf Club.
- (2) No.