

TOTALISATOR AGENCY BOARD, TURNOVER TAX

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

- (1) What is the cost to government revenue of the Government's recent decision to reduce the Totalisator Agency Board turnover tax from five per cent to 4.5 per cent?
- (2) How does the Government propose to replace this revenue; that is, what extra taxes and charges will be applied to make up the shortfall or what services or expenditures will be reduced by the amount of this revenue?

Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS replied:

- (1)-(2) The Government was very pleased to honour its election commitment to cut TAB turnover tax by 10 per cent. It is estimated that this racing year - for the benefit of the member, that is the period ending 31 July - the revenue forgone will be approximately \$1.7 million. The amount of revenue forgone over the forward estimates will turn on the amount of TAB turnover. It is anticipated that TAB turnover will increase, so at the end of the day the State will be better off in its revenue collections.