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GLOUCESTER PARK, REDEVELOPMENT INTO HIGH-RISE HOUSING

3174. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming

I refer the Minister to the recent media release by the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure regarding the Eastern Gateway Project and the possible redevelopment of Gloucester Park into high-rise housing and ask -

- does the proposal by the East Perth Redevelopment Authority to include Gloucester Park in the redevelopment, indicate the lack of support for Harness Racing in metropolitan Perth;
- (b) will the Minister guarantee that financial pressure will not be applied to the Harness Racing Industry by 'adjusting' money from Racing and Wagering Western Australia; and
- (c) if the Minister will not guarantee that Harness Racing will not have money from Racing and Wagering Western Australia adjusted downward, why not?

Mr E.S. RIPPER replied:

(a) No.

(b)-(c) Under section 81 of the Racing and Wagering Western Australia Act 2003, RWWA is not required to comply with any direction or administrative request given or made by or on behalf of the Government.