

RACING AND WAGERING WA, DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

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

- (1) Will the minister indicate the Totalisator Agency Board funds that have been distributed to the racing industry in the first 12 months of operation of Racing and Wagering Western Australia, detailing total amounts, division between the three racing codes, city and country amounts as well as allocation to facilities, racetracks and other purposes?
- (2) Will the minister also indicate the rationale behind that distribution of funds?
- (3) What were the operational costs of RWWA in this period?

I am sorry for such a detailed question.

Hon NICK GRIFFITHS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The answer is somewhat detailed and lengthy so I seek leave to have it incorporated in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The following material was incorporated -

1. Distributions

	%	\$'000	Adjustment for net controlling authority charges \$'000	Net amount paid \$'000
Thoroughbreds	55.26	35,848	3,721	32,127
Harness	29.76	19,306	2,375	16,931
Greyhounds	14.98	9,718	1,442	8,276
Total		64,872	7,538*	57,334

	\$'000
* Controlling Authority charges	\$9,790
Less controlling Authority income	<u>\$2,252</u>
Net controlling authority charges	<u>\$7,538</u>

Estimated allocation between country and city

	Country		City		TOTAL
	\$'000		\$'000		
Thoroughbreds	\$10,057	31.3%	\$22,070	68.7%	\$32,127
Harness	\$6,652	39.3%	\$10,279	60.7%	\$16,931
Greyhounds ##					\$8,276

All greyhound moneys allocated to Western Australian Greyhound Racing Association.

Grants (Allocation to facilities, race tracks and other purposes)

	\$'000
Thoroughbreds	894
Harness	630
Greyhounds	<u>958</u>
TOTAL	<u>2,482</u>

2. To avoid interruption to the racing industry during 2003/04, a transitional year, the distributions were based on the percentage allocations set out in section 105(2) of the Racing and Wagering Western Australia Act 2003.

	\$'000	\$'000
Wagering Operations		66,552
Racing Operations		
Controlling Authority	9,790	
Grants	2,482	
Other ***	<u>680</u>	<u>12,952</u>

*** Includes cost of staff transferred from the codes to RWWA and associated cost such as office supplies, travel, depreciation.