

LOTTERIES COMMISSION, NAME CHANGE

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

I refer to the name change from the Lotteries Commission of Western Australia to Lotterywest.

- (1) What was the rationale for the change?
- (2) What are the effects of implementation of the change?
- (3) What are the expected benefits of the change?
- (4) What are the estimated costs of the change?

Hon NICK GRIFFITHS replied:

(1)-(4) The member may recall that he was briefed on this some time ago.

Hon Barry House: I recall; I just want to know what you know.

Hon NICK GRIFFITHS: That is right, and he was briefed on it as a result of my ensuring that he was kept up to date with developments, because we like to treat Her Majesty's Opposition with courtesy. I was very concerned to hear the member's constructive observations.

The name change to Lotterywest is part of the process of the Lotteries Commission's updating its operations so that it can continue to be one of the most progressive and productive lotteries commissions certainly in my view in Australia and one of the most productive in the world. It is part and parcel of the process of being up to date and well run. The change of name to Lotterywest was decided by the board of the Lotteries Commission after a proper process. If the member wants a further briefing on the detail of that process, I am happy to cause that to be provided. The rationale was to enable Lotterywest, as it now is, to continue to perform well. It will now be an ongoing process of updating the fit-out of those retailers who sell lotteries products.

I can provide the member with further information on the precise cost of the total arrangement, but the member will find the budget papers quite revealing in that respect.