

GAMING MACHINES

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

Despite assurances to the contrary, it appears from reports such as the one appearing in today's *The West Australian* titled "New push for pokies" that the Gallop Government is still entertaining proposals to introduce gaming machines into clubs and pubs throughout Western Australia. Is this measure being contemplated as a revenue-raising option to meet the Government's unrealistic election commitments?

**Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS replied:**

I saw the rather interesting article titled "New push for pokies". It seems to be based on the views of the member for Avon and those who are interested in having so-called poker machines installed in pubs and clubs. I have said in this session of Parliament, and I will say it again for the benefit of those who seem incapable of understanding, that the very clear policy of the Western Australian Government is that there will be no introduction of gaming machines - so-called poker machines - into pubs and/or clubs in Western Australia - full stop.