

RUGBY WORLD CUP

1150. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

In relation to the forthcoming Rugby World Cup matches that will be played in Perth, I ask -

- (1) What process is adopted for liquor outlets, such as hotels, seeking extended hours to cater for the needs of the large crowds that will attend these matches, particularly on Sundays?
- (2) Can the Western Australian Government provide a general exemption, as the New South Wales Government does, to grant extended hours for liquor outlets to cater for patrons who have attended special sporting, artistic or cultural events?
- (3) If yes to (2), why was this approach not taken for the Rugby World Cup matches in Perth?

Hon NICK GRIFFITHS replied:

I thank Hon Barry House for his question; he raises an important issue.

- (1) It is a matter of making an application to the liquor licensing authority, which is the Director of Liquor Licensing.
- (2) No. The Act does not so permit.
- (3) Not applicable.