

Racing and Wagering Western Australia —

[Supplementary Information No A7.]

Question: Mr M.P. Murray asked: I refer to the McGrath report that was handed down. What are the five issues in that report that do not require any further action, and what are the six issues in that report that require further consideration?

Answer:

Recommendation 19

Appeals to the Minister against RWWA board decisions should not be established.

Government's response – Noted.

Recommendation 32

Virtual racing and Keno should not be expanded to TABs and licensed premises.

Government's response – Noted.

Recommendation 34

RWWA continues to operate as a statutory authority with roles of governance for all three racing codes and ownership of the principal off-course TAB business in WA.

Government's response – Noted.

Recommendation 36

The Minister to urgently review liquor licensing and enforcement requirements for major race meetings.

Government's response – Noted. The recommendation is outside the scope of the RWWA Act review.

Recommendation 53

That the Minister for Racing and Gaming and Racing and Wagering Western Australia pursue any avenue available to achieve a national totalisator pool.

Government's response – Noted. The matter has previously been discussed at a national level through the Australasian Racing Ministers' Conference.

[Supplementary Information No A8.]

Question: Dr A.D. Buti asked: How much alcohol and drugs testing has been undertaken of jockeys and what have been the positive tests?

Answer:

- Number of urine tests for Jockeys, Apprentices and Track Riders in 2012/13 = 255.
- Five tested positive for a banned substance (2 for amphetamine and 3 for cannabis).
- Penalties ranged from 4–12 month suspensions and each offender had to undergo a counselling program.
- The offenders were required to provide samples clear of any banned substances before being given approval to resume riding.