

BOOKMAKERS BETTING LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 2009

Introduction and First Reading

Bill introduced, on motion by **Mr T.K. Waldron (Minister for Racing and Gaming)**, and read a first time.

Explanatory memorandum presented by the minister.

Second Reading

MR T.K. WALDRON (Wagin — Minister for Racing and Gaming) [1.31 pm]: I move —

That the bill be now read a second time.

As a consequence of the Racing Bets Levy Bill 2009, this bill abolishes the two per cent betting levy on horse and greyhound racing payable by Western Australian bookmakers to race clubs registered with Racing and Wagering Western Australia. The bill also makes provision for the continuation of the levy payable by local bookmakers who conduct betting on designated sporting events, such as golf tournaments at which bookmakers field from the golf course. However, for consistency with the Racing Bets Levy Act, the rate will be reduced from two per cent to 1.5 per cent. I commend the bill to the house.

Debate adjourned, on motion by **Mr M.P. Murray**.