

**BETTING CONTROL AMENDMENT (TAXING) BILL 2019**

*Introduction and First Reading*

Bill introduced, on motion by **Mr B.S. Wyatt (Treasurer)**, and read a first time.

Explanatory memorandum presented by the Treasurer.

*Second Reading*

**MR B.S. WYATT (Victoria Park — Treasurer)** [12.55 pm]: I move —

That the bill be now read a second time.

This bill complements the TAB (Disposal) Bill 2019, which provides the necessary authority and framework to enable the sale of the TAB and establish a new wagering licence regime for a privately operated TAB. As I mentioned in my second reading speech for the TAB (Disposal) Bill 2019, the wagering licence will require the new operator of the TAB to pay an upfront and/or annual licence fee, likely both. Under the Constitution Acts Amendment Act 1899, bills imposing taxation must deal only with the imposition of the tax. As such, to the extent that the wagering licence fee is considered a tax, this bill provides the necessary authority to impose the fee. I commend the bill to the house.

Debate adjourned, on motion by **Ms L. Mettam**.