

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT — GOVERNANCE

705. Mr P.J. RUNDLE to the Minister for Sport and Recreation:

I have a supplementary question. Given the minister's recent comments, will he tie the funding of WAIS to the governance and performance of the board?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

The government invests significant money in WAIS to deliver a high-performance program, including supporting high-performance Western Australian athletes. We are very proud of the Western Australian athletes who have been through the various WAIS high-performance programs. We know that government investment in that is important. As the member is well aware, the current structure of the organisation was first established a number of decades ago when the decision was made by the then government and minister that the board would be an incorporated body. Any recommendations that the new board makes with regard to its future structure—whether it becomes a statutory body or comes under the department's auspices, for example—will be considered at the time. But the focus of WAIS is very much on delivering the restorative process, strengthening the governance of that organisation and supporting the athletes in our high-performance programs so that they can have the best possible opportunity to represent Western Australia and Australia as part of either the Commonwealth Games or be selected for the Olympic Games. That is what we are focused on and I am very confident that WAIS is in a very good space now.