

CROWN PERTH — INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION BUSINESS TAX

1010. Mr M.P. MURRAY to the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I have a supplementary question. Why is Crown Perth casino receiving a tax break when the budget is going into deficit and the government is about to slug ordinary citizens more?

Mr T.K. WALDRON replied:

I have answered that. The alternative is that we could have said that we would not do anything. Therefore, the international commission business would go down or just about disappear. Crown Perth would not be able to do any good out of it and the government would lose money. We are trying to be sensible and we have a guarantee. This will help generate more funds, tourism and jobs for the state. That is why it is a sensible decision. With the guarantee that should have happened last time —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Victoria Park, I call you to order for the first time.

Mr B.S. Wyatt interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Victoria Park, I call you to order for the second time.

Mr T.K. WALDRON: We also insisted on the guarantee, which places the state in a win-win position. The Gallop government should have done that when it made its decision.