

ASSET SALES — TAB

**386. Mr M.P. MURRAY to the Leader of the National Party:**

My question without notice is to the Leader of the National Party, whom I thank for gracing us with his presence today.

Opposition members: Hear, hear!

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** I refer to the sale of the TAB coming before cabinet.

- (1) What is the National Party position on the sale of the TAB?
- (2) When the proposal is brought before cabinet, will the National Party ministry be contributing or abstaining from the discussion?

**Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:**

- (1)–(2) I am not privy to what comes before cabinet from another minister. I do not think that it is appropriate for me to comment on something that is either going before cabinet, has been thought about going before cabinet or is even before cabinet. That is not a discussion for here. I have made the point that the Minister for Racing and Gaming has carriage of that. It is his business to bring that into cabinet at a particular point in time.

**Mr P.B. Watson** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Albany!

**Mr D.T. REDMAN:** No doubt those discussions will be had at that point. We have made the point that we will support the sale of the TAB only if that is in the best interests of the industry.