

RACING AND WAGERING WESTERN AUSTRALIA — COMMITTEE REPORT

1265. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to the recommendations of the report of the Joint Standing Committee on the Review of the Racing and Wagering Western Australian Acts, 2009–2010 and I ask:

- (a) do you support Recommendation 26;
- (b) do you support Recommendation 27;
- (c) do you support Recommendation 29; and
- (d) do you support the recommendations of the submission *The Racing Industry- A Pathway to Sustained Growth* prepared by the members of the former Joint Standing Committee which was forwarded to both the Minister and Treasurer Buswell in December 2012, namely that:
 - (i) the wagering tax/levy on parimutuel racing be amended from the current rate of 11.9 per cent to the equivalent of the Victorian rate of 7.6 per cent;
 - (ii) the wagering tax/levy on fixed odds racing be amended from the current rate of 18.18 per cent to the equivalent of the Victorian rate of 4.3 per cent; and
 - (iii) that on commissioning of the increased number of 500 gaming machines and 130 additional gaming tables at Crown Casino Burswood, the wagering tax/levies be amended to 5 per cent and 2 per cent respectively?

Mr T.K. Waldron replied:

- (a)–(d) The member is referred to the Government’s response to the Joint Standing Committee’s Review of the Racing and Wagering Western Australia Acts tabled in the Parliament on 5 April 2011.