

TAB — ASSET SALES

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

I refer to reports that the Leader of the National Party's colleague the Minister for Racing and Gaming, together with the Premier and the Treasurer, is to meet with racing industry representatives this week over the sale of the TAB.

- (1) Is it the Nationals' position that the sale should be fast-tracked before the March 2017 election?
- (2) Is it still the Nationals' position to oppose the sale of the TAB unless there are direct benefits to the racing industry and regional communities?
- (3) What specific guaranteed benefits to the racing industry and regional communities will the Nationals demand in return for the approval of the sale?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

- (1)–(3) I thank the member for Collie-Preston for the question. It is probably a question that might be more appropriately addressed to the relevant minister.

Mr M.P. Murray: Again, you don't know as the leader; you don't know.

Mr D.T. REDMAN: The minister has consistently said that he will do, and put forward, what is best for the racing industry. He has consistently said that. I will tell you now that he has also done the yards with the sector to get right around Western Australia to connect with the racing industry, to talk it through and get feedback on all the issues that emerge. I am absolutely confident that what he finally puts up to government for support —

Mr M.P. Murray interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Collie-Preston!

Mr D.T. REDMAN: I am confident that whatever he finally puts to cabinet for support will have the support of the National Party.