

COUNTRY RACING AND PACING — OWNERS' INCENTIVE PAYMENT

2160. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Racing and Gaming

I refer to the Minister's decision to cut the Owners Incentive Payment for non-stakes winners, and ask:

- (a) can the Minister advise if there is a new plan for Country Racing and Pacing Incentive Schemes in Western Australia; and
- (b) if so, when will this be introduced so that regional racing clubs will not have to continue to suffer from cost-cutting measures to their industry?

Mr T.K. WALDRON replied:

- (a) A new RWWA industry funding model for the 2010/11 racing season (commencing 1 August 2010) will be considered by the RWWA Board in March 2010. The model will include a travel subsidy policy for country and regional race clubs.
- (b) The structure and quantum of funds available to the WA racing industry will be determined at the end of March 2010. However, during March industry stakeholder consultation on the strategic direction for thoroughbred and harness racing in Western Australia will be undertaken.