

TAB — PRIVATISATION

1001. Mr M.P. MURRAY to the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I have a supplementary question. Is the minister prepared to listen to the industry's concern about privatisation as well as his Liberal and National Party colleagues' advice not to sell, or is he prepared to risk adding the privatisation of the TAB to a list of mistakes when he leaves office?

Mr T.K. WALDRON replied:

Over the past year or so I have been very consistent in this Parliament on the TAB.

Mr M.P. Murray interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Collie–Preston!

Mr T.K. WALDRON: The member might like to go back and read all the *Hansards*, because I have.

Mr M.P. Murray interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Collie–Preston, you have just asked a supplementary question.

Mr T.K. WALDRON: We all acknowledge the importance of the industry to Western Australia in both the metropolitan area and the country. We want to make sure that we do the right thing by the industry. It is fit and proper for the government to look at this closely, and the Gunston report, which the member should get a copy of and have a look at, is a good report that outlines the pros and cons. Obviously, that will be taken into account. We have taken the industry with us. Saying that we have not taken the industry with us is incorrect. The guarantee was given yesterday. Michael Grant and that committee, including people such as Fred Kersley, David Simonette and other people of high regard and respect, are very happy with the process going forward. We will continue that, and I am sure that at the end of the day the government will make the correct decision.