

PERTH CASINO ROYAL COMMISSION

850. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to the 2021 Perth Casino Royal Commission and I ask:

- (a) Since the tabling of the interim report in August 2021, how many times has the Minister for Racing and Gaming met with Crown Casino:
  - (i) Please provide the agenda of each meeting;
  - (ii) Please provide the attendees to each meeting; and
  - (iii) Please provide the minutes of each meeting; and
- (b) Will the Minister please provide an update on the implementation of the recommendations listed in the Perth Casino Royal Commission's Final Report?

**Mr R.R. Whitby replied:**

- (a) Two
  - (i) Not applicable
  - (ii) At the first meeting – John Van Der Weilen, Chairperson, Crown Perth, David Tsai, CEO, Crown Perth, Erin Gauntlett, A/Director General, DLGSC, Jennifer Shelton, Executive Director, Racing, Gaming and Liquor, DLGSC and from my office Travis Robinson; Tony Monaghan; Bodhi Hardinge  
  
At the second meeting – John Van Der Weilen, Chairperson, Crown Perth, David Tsai, CEO, Crown Perth, Ciarán Carruthers, CEO, Crown Resorts. And from my office Travis Robinson and Tony Monaghan.
  - (iii) Not applicable
- (b) The Casino Legislation Amendment (Burswood Casino) Bill 2022 received Royal Assent on 28 September 2022. This was the first legislative step towards addressing the issues raised in the Royal Commission's Final Report. The changes introduced include an increased maximum penalty of \$100 million for breaches of the *Casino Control Act 1984*, enhanced powers for the Gaming and Wagering Commission (GWC) to direct the Perth Casino, enhanced powers for the Minister to direct the GWC, and also provided for the appointment of an independent Chair of the GWC.

The Royal Commission Final Report made 59 recommendations.

The State Government supports 49 of the Royal Commission's recommendations, with eight supported in principle and one supported in part. One recommendation does not require a government position, as it is only relevant if the prohibition on poker machines is lifted.

Let me be clear, under the State Government, poker machines are not allowed and will not be allowed in Western Australia. Electronic gaming machines will not be allowed outside of the Perth Casino. There will be no weakening of this necessary ban.