

TAB — PRIVATISATION

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

I have a supplementary question. The Premier has indicated that the TAB will be privatised. For the sake of clarity, does the minister agree with him or not?

Mr B.J. GRYLLS replied:

When I heard the Premier speak on this, he said that if it is in the best interests of the racing industry to sell the TAB, he would support that. Again, the shadow Minister for Racing and Gaming's problem is that his position is now poles apart from that of the industry. The only ability that he had to be a populist in this space was if he thought he had the backing of industry. Now it does not back him; the industry backs the former minister, Hon Colin Holt, and the pathway that he put forward for the industry. I will honour the work that he has done and continue down that pathway.