

SPORT AND RECREATION — MOTORSPORTS

4022. Mr P.J. Rundle to the Minister for Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering; Sport and Recreation:

- (1) What is the Department doing about addressing the safety concerns at Barbagallo Raceway to permit use by motorcycles?
- (2) Has the Government commenced consultation of State-wide motorsport strategy?
- (3) If not, why not?
- (4) What are the timelines for consultation, reporting and final decision making?
- (5) What motorsport facilities/locations will be assessed as a part of State-wide motorsport strategy?
- (6) What is the estimated economic benefit of implementing a competitive motorsport industry in WA?

Mr M.P. Murray replied:

- (1) This is a matter between the WA Sporting Car Club as the operator and lessor of the Raceway and the licensing body in Motorcycling Australia to resolve with input from Motorcycling WA.
However, to assist in the identification of solutions to facilitate the return of motorcycle activities to Barbagallo Raceway the Department has attended meetings with the WA Sporting Car Club, Motorcycling WA and Motorcycling Australia.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Not applicable
- (4) It is anticipated the final report will be completed in the final quarter of 2018. The State Government will consider its response to the report when it has been finalised.
- (5) Existing facilities at Wanneroo (Barbagallo) Raceway, Collie and Perth (Kwinana) Motorplex were assessed. Proposed facilities planned to be located in Albany and Keysbrook were also assessed. Benchmarking was undertaken against Philip Island, Victoria; Sandown Park Raceway, Victoria; Winton Raceway, Victoria; Bruce Maclaren Motorsport Park, Taupo, New Zealand; Hampton Downs Motorsport Park, New Zealand; Highlands Motorsport Park, New Zealand; and Tailem Bend, South Australia.
- (6) Based on a review of research undertaken as part of the motorsport strategy, the estimated contribution of motorsport to the economy is \$268 million direct spend per annum with \$116 million value add and 1,630 jobs noting these figures exclude motorcycling as research was not available at the time.