

## ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE



**Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries**

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Note: This question was asked on 16 October 2017 during the Racing and Wagering Western Australia Estimates Hearing but is relevant to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

### **A4) Hon Colin Holt asked:**

Answer:...

- 1) What are those components of line item [Page 396 – Subsidies and Concessions] and what caused a 16 per cent drop between the budget and the actual?

The line item relates to GST Gambling Tax rebates payable to Lotterywest and licensed Western Australian on-course bookmakers. The rebate is a reimbursement of the GST paid by gambling operators on the gross gambling margin.

The differential between the 2016-17 budgeted and estimated expenditure figures is attributed to a decrease in claims by Lotterywest for GST Gambling Tax rebates.

- 2) Why does the forward estimates rebound quite substantially?

Answer:...

It is anticipated that gambling activity will increase over the out-years resulting in a commensurate increase in the rebate.

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