Pursuant to section 82(1)(a) of the Financial Management Act 2006, I give notice to both houses that I am unable to provide an answer to Legislative Council Question Without Notice 474.

Notice is also being provided to the Auditor General, as required under section 82(1)(b) of the Financial Management Act 2006.

The question refers to turnover figures for the WA TAB digital platform for the 2011/12, 2012/13, 2103/14 and 2014/15 and 2015/16 financial years.

With respect to the request for turnover figures for the WA TAB digital platform for the 2011/12, 2012/13, 2103/14 and 2014/15 and 2015/16 financial years, I am not prepared to provide that information on the basis that:

- Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWWA) operates the WA TAB in a highly competitive and commercial environment and failure to keep commercially sensitive information out of the public domain would provide competitors with a valuable advantage in financial analysis of market share;
- the turnover figures specific to the digital channel are highly sensitive, particularly in light of that channel being the means that other wagering operators have had opportunity to penetrate the traditional WA TAB market; and
- wagering turnover figures are considered commercial in confidence.

HON PAUL PAPALIA CSC MLA
MINISTER FOR RACING AND GAMING
Hon Colin Holt; Hon Darren West

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474. Hon COLIN HOLT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development:


Hon DARREN WEST replied:

I thank the member for the question. I have been provided with the following information by the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming.

I am advised that the turnover figures for the WA TAB digital platform for 2011–12, 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15 and 2015–2016 financial years are not released for public consumption as they are commercially sensitive to the industry and can potentially provide competitors with a valuable advantage in financial analysis of market share. Therefore, on that basis, I will not be providing these figures.