Section 82 Notice - Financial Management Act 2006

Legislative Council Question Without Notice 382

Pursuant to section 82(1)(a) of the Financial Management Act 2006, I give notice to both houses that I am unable to provide a complete answer to Legislative Council Question Without Notice 382.

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 wagering turnover and wagering profit figures for the WA TAB.

With respect to the request for wagering turnover figures for the WA TAB for the last 5 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; and
- wagering turnover figures are considered commercial in confidence.

HON PAUL PAPALIA CSC MLA
MINISTER FOR RACING AND GAMING
TAB — WAGERING

382. Hon COLIN HOLT to the minister representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

For the following financial years, please provide the wagering turnover and the wagering profit figures for the WA TAB: 2012–13; 2013–14; 2014–15; 2015–16; and, 2016–17?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The Minister for Racing and Gaming has provided the following information.

The WA TAB wagering profits for the years listed from 2012 to 2016 are available in Racing and Wagering Western Australia's annual reports, which are publicly available. The 2016–17 wagering profit figures will be available in the Racing and Wagering Western Australia annual report, which will be tabled in Parliament in September. In respect of the wagering turnover figures for the aforementioned financial years, I understand that these figures are not released for public consumption because they are commercially sensitive to the industry and can potentially provide competitors with a valuable advantage in the financial analysis of market share. Therefore, on that basis, the minister will not be providing these figures.