

PERTH INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

967. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Acting Minister for Tourism:

I have a supplementary question. Can the acting minister guarantee that the Perth International golf event will go ahead next year?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

I can guarantee, in the reasonably short remaining time in which I have responsibility for this portfolio, that a very careful assessment will be made to ensure that taxpayers' funds are used wisely and appropriately and to ensure that Western Australia has a range of international events that will help to promote the state and to attract visitors to the state, such as is happening this weekend with the Margaret River Gourmet Escape. I am sure the member for Dawesville would prefer to be speaking about that event at some length, as he has certainly had a strong interest in establishing it, and from all accounts and from my observations it will be an outstanding success.