

POINT-OF-CONSUMPTION WAGERING TAX

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

I refer to the minister's comments in *The West Australian* of 3 June 2017 in which he is reported to support the implementation of a point-of-consumption wagering tax.

- (1) When will the minister's detailed advice referred to in the article be ready?
- (2) Will the minister table the advice when ready; and, if not, why not?
- (3) If no to (2), how will the minister engage with the racing industry to ensure that it is fully informed?
- (4) I ask again: will the minister commit to returning all proceeds from the tax to the racing industry?

Hon SAMANTHA ROWE replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I provide the answer on behalf of the minister representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming.

- (1) The government's detailed assessment will include consultation with other states and territories. The government will make announcements once decisions are made.
- (2) Should the government decide to implement a point-of-consumption wagering tax, legislation will be required to enable this. This process will provide for the appropriate scrutiny by this Parliament on the issue.
- (3) I will continue to engage with the racing industry on this matter and a range of others, as I have since my appointment.
- (4) Decisions on the best use of any proceeds from a tax, if implemented, will be made at an appropriate time. The basis of the question provides further insight into the financial mismanagement of the previous government and the National Party's approach to committing to spend money before it is even raised or the impacts known. The current government will conduct a proper analysis, consult with stakeholders and weigh up the concerns and interests of the entire community before commitments are made.