

PERTH INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**966. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Acting Minister for Tourism:**

I refer the minister to the precarious future of the Perth International golf tournament.

- (1) Is it true that the tournament failed to attract a major sponsor and is therefore financially unviable?
- (2) Is it also true that no agreement has been reached on the tournament going ahead next year?
- (3) What has the government done to retain the tournament, which is one of the very few remaining major events in the WA calendar?

**Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:**

- (1)–(3) Clearly the event happened this year, about four weeks ago. I am not sure whether the member was there. I was unable to be there myself, but I understand that it was a successful event. I understand that future funding is under discussion, or certainly was at the time of the tournament a few weeks ago. Clearly—I am sure the member would agree—there is a need to ensure that taxpayers' funds are used wisely and that there is value for money. I am not saying that there will not be if the support is continued, but the last advice I have is that negotiations on future events have not concluded.

**Mr P. Papalia:** It's not a sponsor this year!

**Mr J.H.D. DAY:** This year? If that is the case, I was not aware of that. The event clearly happened and I understand that it was a very successful event.