

TOURISM — DRUG AWARE MARGARET RIVER PRO

1363. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Tourism:

- (1) How much did the State Government contribute financially to the Drug Aware Margaret River Pro in the 2015, 2016 and 2017 calendar years?
- (2) What actions has the Minister personally taken to ensure that the Drug Aware Margaret River Pro is retained as part of the World Surf League – World Championship Tour?

Mr P. Papalia replied:

- (1) The Western Australian government commits an annual amount to a major events program managed through Tourism Western Australia. The major events industry is highly competitive and Western Australia competes with interstate and international destinations to secure major events. Confidentiality of negotiations is critical in order to maintain the government's ability to negotiate the best outcome on future events. Accordingly, I will notify the Auditor General's office and both houses of Parliament that part of this question will not be answered as per section 82 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*.
- (2) The Minister has met with Surfing WA Chief Executive Officer, Mr Mark Lane, and is delighted that the event will be returned for a further two years.