

RACING AND WAGERING WESTERN AUSTRALIA — TABCORP AND TATTS GROUP MERGER

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

I refer to the Australian Competition Tribunal ruling handed down today approving Tabcorp's merger bid with the Tatts Group.

- (1) Did the government and/or Racing and Wagering Western Australia make a verbal and/or written submission to the Australian Competition Tribunal supporting the merger?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the submission be tabled; and, if the minister will not table the submission, why not?
- (3) If RWWA did not make a submission, why not?
- (4) Will the minister table all advice on how the merger of Tabcorp and Tatts will affect the price of any potential sale of the Western Australian TAB?
- (5) How many meetings has the minister had with the Western Australia Racing Representative Group? Please list dates and who was in attendance.

**Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Racing and Gaming.

- (1) The McGowan government did not make a submission to the Australia Competition Tribunal on the proposed merger of Tabcorp and Tatts Group. I understand that Racing and Wagering Western Australia made two formal submissions to the Australian Competition Tribunal on the proposed merger.
- (2) I will table the requested submissions at the end of this answer.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) To date, no specific analysis has been undertaken.
- (5) On 4 May 2017 the minister, the chief of staff and senior policy adviser for Racing and Gaming met with four representatives from the Western Australian Racing Representative Group.

[See paper 286.]