

TOURISM — ULTIMATE FIGHTING CHAMPIONSHIP

5084. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Tourism:

I refer to the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) 221, and I ask:

- (a) What is the current status of negotiations to hold a second UFC event in Perth;
- (b) When is a decision expected to be announced regarding a second UFC event in Perth;
- (c) When will the event be held;
- (d) What is the expected economic impact of this event; and
- (e) How many interstate and international visitors are expected to attend?

Mr P. Papalia replied:

- (a) Discussions are ongoing.
- (b) A decision date is currently unknown.
- (c) Discussions relate to a number of potential years including 2020, 2021 and 2022.
- (d) Although an assessment of the potential economic impact is still underway, the first UFC event held in Perth was reportedly the largest-grossing sports event in the history of the RAC Arena. It would be reasonable to expect a similarly successful outcome from future events.
- (e) Although an assessment of the potential interstate and international visitor numbers is still underway, the first UFC event held in Perth attracted around 3,700 visitors from outside the State. It would be reasonable to expect a similarly successful outcome from future events.