

**Division 22: Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries — Services 2, 18 and 19, Racing and Gaming; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests, \$21 628 000 —**

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[Witnesses introduced.]

**The CHAIR:** This estimates committee will be reported by Hansard. The daily proof *Hansard* will be available the following day.

It is the intention of the Chair to ensure that as many questions as possible are asked and answered and that both questions and answers are short and to the point. The estimates committee's consideration of the estimates will be restricted to discussion of those items for which a vote of money is proposed in the consolidated account. Questions must be clearly related to a page number, item, program or amount in the current division. Members should give these details in preface to their question. If a division or service is the responsibility of more than one minister, a minister shall only be examined in relation to their portfolio responsibilities.

The minister may agree to provide supplementary information to the committee rather than asking that the question be put on notice for the next sitting week. I ask the minister to clearly indicate what supplementary information he agrees to provide and I will then allocate a reference number.

If supplementary information is to be provided, I seek the minister's cooperation in ensuring that it is delivered to the principal clerk by Friday, 29 September 2017. I caution members that if a minister asks that a matter be put on notice, it is up to the member to lodge the question on notice through the online questions system.

I give the call to the member for South Perth.

**Mr J.E. McGRATH:** I want to ask questions about the money that is collected by the department under the race fields legislation. Is that okay in this division?

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I think the member should ask that when the Racing and Wagering Western Australia representatives are here. I assure the member that in all likelihood, depending on what he asks, we might be able to answer the question.

**Mr J.E. McGRATH:** I want to get a feel for how much money is being collected from wagering operators outside Western Australia under the race fields legislation. The money is collected by the department, not RWWA.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** Yes, I know, but the better person to ask in this case, based on who I have advising me, is the chief executive officer of RWWA, and he is coming in. I request that the member ask that question during that time.

**Mr J.E. McGRATH:** Just on that subject, we understand that the department has to receive this money because RWWA, being a wagering competitor in the marketplace, cannot take race fields money from other operators and the TAB. It was organised for the money to go through the department and for the department to pass it on to RWWA to distribute to the industry. How much extra work has been placed on the department? What is the workload and how many extra staff are involved? What are the related costs and are those costs recovered from the racing industry or RWWA?

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I do not whether we can answer that question right now. I asked a similar question of the department a few months ago. My recollection is that it is not a significant cost, impost or onerous time imposition on the department. If the member would like, I can take his question as a supplementary. I am sure that the information can be given to him quickly because obtaining that sort of information will not be a significant challenge.

**The CHAIR:** Is the minister exactly sure what information he will provide?

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** We might need to refer to a page and line item.

**Mr J.E. McGRATH:** I refer to page 374 and the line near the bottom of the page —

To promote, monitor and enforce responsible and lawful gambling and liquor services ...

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** With reference to the second last desired outcome on page 374, I undertake to provide to the member for South Perth the cost in both time and personnel to collect race field levies and pass them on to RWWA.

[*Supplementary Information No A18.*]

[7.50 pm]

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** I refer to page 84 of budget paper No 3, *Economic and Fiscal Outlook*. It states —

Gambling revenue is forecast to increase by 11.7% in 2017–18.

This is despite falling to 8.8 per cent in 2016–17. How can this be justified, considering recent media reports showing a decline in Lotterywest and casino revenue? Can the minister table the modelling and provide the breakdown?

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I will not undertake to table the modelling or provide the breakdown, but it is an interesting observation that an increase has been forecast despite a recent decline. I would attribute a significant component of that decline, particularly in some of the revenue streams like lotteries, to the really, in my view, poor decisions that were made around Lotterywest retailers over the last couple of years. Those decisions imposed on those retailers significant restrictions on their capacity to advertise and significant additional costs in their operations for no benefit to the operators. It has not been publicly claimed as a significant component to the downturn in lotteries take; instead, as the member would know, they refer frequently to Lottoland and the like, and similar types of activities removing or impacting upon their revenue streams. I have a personal view based on witnessing the significant damage that was done to the Lotterywest retail outlets across the state by a number of poor decisions with regard to what they could and could not do.

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** Is that why the Premier sacked the chief executive officer?

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I do not know that the Premier sacked the CEO. It is not really in this division, but as I understand it, the previous CEO left under a mutually agreed departure. I can say that in recent times, costs were imposed on what are effectively small businesses in the order of between \$20 000 and \$150 000 per outlet for no return. I have no doubt that some of the restrictions on their advertising had an impact on their sales, and we saw that as a component of this reduction. There are other impacts, and that has been well documented in the form of conversations around online marketing of things like Lottoland and competitors of that nature. Before we get too stuck into this particular issue, I have to point out that Lotterywest is the responsibility of the Premier as far as portfolios go.

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** I refer to page 396 of budget paper No 2 and the line item “Casino Tax” under the table heading “Details of Administered Transactions”. I note that there was an almost \$13 million drop in revenue compared with what was budgeted for last year. How does the minister explain this drop and how is he confident in predicting that tax revenue will rebound over the next 12 months? How can it rebound from 12 per cent to 14 per cent the year after, which equates to an increase from \$62 million to \$71 million? How does the minister see that rebounding?

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** There is no magical answer other than to say that, clearly, the extent of gambling from both domestic players and international visitors has dropped. One could speculate on whether or not the international gambling take was impacted by the China issue for Crown; I would suspect that that is probably very likely. Its model prior to that incident in recent times, with its staff—and thank goodness they have been released —

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** The issue in China?

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** Yes. I think that certainly had an impact. The member would know that Crown’s business model had, until the time of the arrests, incorporated a significant amount from whales from China; that is no secret. Crown had actively pursued that market and was pretty significantly impacted by that whole affair. I am not sure, but I am pretty certain that that part of the market has completely evaporated. One would also have to expect that the downturn in the Western Australian economy played out with respect to domestic gambling. With regard to why it would grow, there is optimism that the economy will improve and is improving. The more people who are employed, the more people who are confident of their employment, the more likely casino takings are to rise, and I think that is probably what it is. I do not have a briefing note that says, “Here’s why the projections are modelled to increase”, but I would expect that to be the case.

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** Through the Chair, the minister is predicting that it is going to go up by 26 per cent over the next two years, when you see —

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** Does the member mean 26 per cent from the downturn last financial year?

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** The minister is predicting 12 per cent, 14 per cent —

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I do not think we should underestimate the impact of the China issue on the casino as an initial impact last year. I understand that the casino operators are responding to that challenge and will be employing a range of initiatives to grow their market from other sources —

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** So in other words, the minister is taking a punt—he is gambling on the gamblers doing the right thing!

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** No, I think there is already an expectation that it will recover from last year's low this year. If we look towards the forward estimates, the anticipated continued growth is for one more year, and then it plateaus at a projected \$71 million.

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** I do not know if he has the answer, but if the minister is able to supply by way of supplementary information how his methodology equates to getting that 12 per cent and 14 per cent —

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I am not sure that I will undertake to do that, member, because I am not really across whether there are some commercial sensitivities to that. I know it is frustrating. I do not have the specific advisers around that issue here, so I think it might be best if the member puts the question on notice.

**Ms C.M. ROWE:** I refer to page 374 of budget paper No 2, and the second bottom entry under the column headed “Desired Outcomes”, which is —

To promote, monitor and enforce responsible and lawful gambling and liquor services in accordance with the legislation.

In what way has the minister promoted the 2017 TABtouch Masters, and what attention has it received?

[8.00 pm]

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** As the member is aware—because she was there—during the election campaign the now government in opposition made a commitment that we would fund the promotion of the 2017 TABtouch Masters. We saw it as an opportunity to exploit an already existing significant event with great potential to promote visitation to the state, particularly from international and interstate markets. We committed to funding its promotion to the tune of \$200 000 throughout the forward estimates. This year we put that into practice. The TABtouch Masters is approaching; it is over three weekends. Every weekend there is a group 1 race with \$1 million prize money; it is the only event of its nature anywhere in the world. We undertook to promote the event in Singapore this year, during a visit that came at the end of my visit to China for the tourism ministers' meeting.

We scheduled a promotion and a press conference at the Australian High Commission in Singapore that was attended by tourism and trade publications, including online publications and regular mainstream media outlets. A dozen or so Singaporean journalists attended. Following that media conference, a lunch was hosted by the Australian High Commissioner, at no cost to the state. A significant range of stories were reported in the Singaporean media that, to date, have been costed by Media Monitors as probably being of equivalent value as in excess of \$50 000 at the moment, and growing as more stories are published. One of them in particular was *The Business Times*, which resulted in contacts to the high commissioner, that were then passed to us, and interest in investment in the tourism sector in WA as well. That was an unintended benefit. We managed to get some significant positive publicity about not so much the Perth Masters—though it was certainly covered and I did a live cross to TAB racing from Singapore at the time and we marketed it on the east coast—but we very much used the racing carnival as a hook to get the story told that Western Australia is the alternative entry point, we have a new government, we are very focused on tourism, we have very high quality affordable accommodation, and now is the time to visit. That was the sort of story that got out. I hope that it benefits the racing carnival; I am sure it will. Beyond that, it will benefit the state because we employed the carnival as a means of conveying the message—a new reason to visit right now. It went down quite well.

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** After the minister took the taxpayer-funded trip to Singapore, what are the KPIs in measuring the trip over there? What is the KPI for getting visitors, horse owners and trainers from Singapore to come over here? What is the measuring stick to say that this investment, apart from the minister's trip over there, is worthwhile because he has the ability to measure the success from that?

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** The key outcome by which I will measure any success or failure in the tourism portfolio is an increased visitation to the state from international and interstate visitors.

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** We are talking about Singapore here.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I will address the member's question. With respect to the trip to Singapore, so he understands the nature of that trip, we had one day in Beijing, one day in Guangzhou and on the fourth day we flew to Singapore. I arrived at six o'clock in the evening and I went to an event promoting and recognising the fiftieth anniversary of Margaret River wines. I was requested to attend and speak at that event. About a dozen Margaret River wine producers were there. It was a great event. It was an opportunity to again promote Western Australia and our lovely

destination and the fine wines that are produced in the Margaret River region. The next day I met with the Western Australian Trade Office and had discussions on how our promotions in the tourism sector had gone to date, with a view to assessing whether there might be other opportunities to change how we did that and how successful by comparison our immediate actions were going to be. We then attended the High Commission and did the press conference, followed by a meal, whereupon we went to the airport, met with the CEO of Singapore Airlines and SilkAir, then got on the plane and flew back. That all resulted in benefit to the Western Australian taxpayer far in excess of the cost of the visit in the form of free promotion. Headlines ran in *The Business Times*, along with a promo on the front page, followed by a page 5 quarter-page story with the headline —

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** That is great. What are the KPIs —

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** The member had a crack and I am going to respond. The story resulted, as I said already, in contacts from potential investors in the tourism sector. The headline of the story was “Western Australia rolls out the welcome mat to China, Singapore and Malaysia”.

Our biggest source of visitation is the United Kingdom, the second highest is Malaysia and the third is Singapore. The reason we targeted Singapore with the promotion of the Perth Masters is because of the relationship between Perth Racing, the host of the Perth Masters, and the Singapore Turf Club. There is a deep interest in racing, particularly amongst the Chinese ethnic community in Singapore. There is a familiarity and a willingness to visit Western Australia amongst the Singaporean community. Last year, one in four Singaporeans who visited Australia came to Western Australia. Just about every Singaporean has been here, they know someone who lives here, they know someone who went to school here or they went to school here themselves. An example of that is the Singaporean High Commissioner and his wife, whom I hosted at a lunch a couple of months ago in Western Australia. I met his wife when they were both students at Murdoch University. It is a comfortable destination for Singaporeans. It is easy for them to make the decision to travel because there are frequent affordable flights. We were using the promotion of the Perth Masters to get people to rethink visiting yet again, if they have been here before—or if they have not been, giving them a reason to visit. That is essential. That is the sort of thing we have to do. This state is lagging. Under the government that the member was a part of, very little effort was put into promoting this state as a tourism destination. It means that we have great opportunity and there is huge capacity to grow but we are coming from way back in the field.

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** I accept what the minister says and it is probably tongue in cheek saying that he was taking a bit of a junket over there. As a committee member of the Carnarvon Race Club, one of our biggest days on a Friday, when we have a race, is coverage in Singapore. The financial return is quite lucrative for the race club. I understand that there is a market. I get everything the minister is saying, and he is right. How do we measure the effectiveness of promoting the Perth Masters?

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** That is a fair question. I am of the view that we have not been good at getting measurements around achievements and directly correlating the impact to the initiative in tourism. We will be looking at how we can more closely identify benefits that have returned from an investment or from an initiative. Ideally, there will be a blip as a response to the promotion, and the number of Singaporeans coming to WA will go up next year. That aside, there will be a lot of other initiatives focusing on Singapore.

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** I would like to see how I can get that linkage up into Carnarvon.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** There is a lot more capability arriving in the form of technology and data analysis—big data analysis in particular. It was suggested to me that banks, for instance, now have the capacity, when we are able to get access to the information, to monitor right down who is spending what, where, when, what on and things of that nature. We could easily extend that to those people who have come from Singapore. We can get matrix that we do not currently have.

**Mr J.E. McGRATH:** You just said that you did not trust their numbers!

[8.10 pm]

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** This is real data; this is not the Elizabeth Quay visitor numbers.

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** We are on the other side of the house now—come on!

**The CHAIR:** Focus on this item, please, members.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I cannot say that we are going to measure it like that; here is the manner in which we are going to measure it. I say right now that it would just be a consequence. If visitation increased, part of it would be attributed to that. I think it is a good initiative to promote the state in ways that do not cost us a lot of money if that raises a willingness to consider WA as a destination. I intend doing a similar thing in Malaysia and using some other event as the hook.

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** Do you need any backbenchers to come with you?

**The CHAIR:** Is that a further question?

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I would not stop the member from joining me.

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** I look forward to the minister reporting back to Parliament on that.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** It is not something that I have a specific means of measuring at this stage, but I am keen to do it. I agree with the member that there is no great way of measuring it. With tourism, it is mostly based on modelling. The only agency I am aware of that gets really good tight data is the Perth Convention Bureau, because it focuses on the business traveller. It is able, through its modelling, to compel operators who run conferences or conventions to survey their delegates. It gets really tight information that is then analysed by consultants. That has revealed, for instance, that it has been getting a return of \$30 for every taxpayer dollar. For most other agencies, it is modelling. Tourism is modelling. Tourism Research Australia does that surveying on behalf of the nation at the federal level. The sort of data that the member for Vasse was referring to earlier is modelled. It surveys the necessary statistically viable number of people and models out projections. I do not have an answer as far as a tight measurement.

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** I refer to page 396 of the *Budget Statements*, the table “Details of Administered Transactions” and the line item “Subsidies to Gambling and Betting Agencies and Bookmakers”. How many agencies/bookies receive subsidies? Would the minister please provide a table of the breakdown of agencies and bookies? What was the cause of the \$7 million writedown in subsidies compared to what was budgeted for in 2016–17? Why does the minister expect that to rebound to \$41 million this year?

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** With respect to the bookies in particular, did the member ask for the number?

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** How many agencies/bookies receive subsidies?

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I might ask that we provide that as supplementary information. If the member wants the number, I do not think there is a problem providing that as supplementary information. I cannot read the table that has been provided to me because the writing is so small.

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** I am happy to take that as supplementary information.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** With respect to the line item “Subsidies to Betting Agencies and Bookmakers” in the table “Details of Administered Transactions” on page 396, I undertake to provide the number of agencies and bookmakers that receive a subsidy.

[*Supplementary Information No A19.*]

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** What was the cause of the \$7 million writedown in subsidies compared to what was in the budget for 2016–17? Why does the minister expect it to rebound to \$41 million this year?

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** The reason for it, if I am correct, is mainly due to the increase in the GST gambling tax rebates to Lotterywest. I expect that the hoped-for return to reasonable historic levels is a consequence of changes to the management and practices and also the betting habits of the public to which we referred earlier.

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** So the previous CEO must have done something really bad —

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I do not know why the member keeps saying that; I did not say that.

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** — for the minister to have sacked him, and there are obviously gaps in the budget.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I have told the member about the implications of that on some lottery retailers. Doubtless, some people in the member’s electorate have raised that with him; people have certainly raised it with me.

I am told that there is another factor. There was a reduction in historic levels of super lotteries through the course of the year—the ones that tend to boost involvement; the big prize money ones. As a consequence of that, it looks as though there were fewer gross takings.

**Mr J.E. McGRATH:** On page 396, under expenses, I note that the grants to Racing and Wagering Western Australia are ongoing all the way through to 2020–21. Are those grants for infrastructure and will they continue? I note that they continue to 2021, so will they be impacted upon by any revenue the government receives from the point-of-consumption tax?

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** Can we ask that when we come to RWWA, and I will take advice at that time.

**Mr J.E. McGRATH:** Okay.

**The CHAIR:** I believe we are transitioning advisers at this stage.

I understand that we are now dealing with multicultural interests and citizenship. I give the call to the member for Vasse.

[8.20 pm]

**Ms L. METTAM:** I refer to page 375 of budget paper No 2 and the line item “Promotion and Support of Multiculturalism”. I wish to ask about the community languages program. I seek a breakdown of funding provided for this program in this budget and for the past four years in table format so that it may be provided as supplementary information. I would like it to be categorised under the following topics—the after-school hours program broken down by language, organisation, applicant, name, enrolment numbers and grant allowance; the school program broken down under the same headings; and the number of year 12 students who completed each unit in the languages learning areas, broken down by course code, male, female and total.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I am not going to undertake to provide that information. The community languages program continues to exist under the headline allocations that were in existence under the member’s government. That allocation remains largely unchanged. However, I will not provide a table with breakdowns of the nature that the member requested. I can say that the objectives of the expenditure in this portfolio, like all portfolios, is being viewed through the prism of the need to ensure that we get the best possible outcome for the taxpayer. We will also deliver on the election commitments that we made and not necessarily the ones that the member’s government made. In due course there may be a reallocation of funding, but currently the allocation is largely unchanged. As far as the program itself goes, I am not going to provide the breakdown that the member requested.

**Ms L. METTAM:** Has there been any funding increase to the Italian language program, and, specifically, to the Italo-Australian Welfare and Cultural Centre?

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** We went to the election with a commitment to refund that particular language program, and, as I said, it is our intention to meet our commitments.

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** I refer to the first dot point on page 371 of the *Budget Statements*. I am a little bit concerned about this dot point given that I come from Italian migrants. I have parents and grandparents who are Italian and a lot of friends who come from all sorts of different countries. I notice that the minister will accept people from only 19 countries. Is that a typo, because I am concerned, being from an ethnic background? If it is a typo, does that mean there are more typos throughout the minister’s portfolio?

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I do not vouch for the printers of the *Budget Statements* but I will point out that it should be 190. Thank you for that.

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** I just thought I would point that out because it is important. Can I ask my real question, if that is all right?

**The CHAIR:** Well spotted, member.

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** I am on the ball. I refer to page 379 of budget paper No 2 and the heading “Promotion and Support of Multiculturalism”. How does the minister promote and support multicultural interests in regional towns?

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** Interestingly, I note that the community languages programs were centralised to the metropolitan areas under the member’s government, and the consequences of that were extant policy. With regard to promoting multiculturalism and how that is done, one thing that is happening right now is an initiative that has been introduced since we took office. I also happen to be the Minister for Small Business and I identified the need for small business advice to be targeted and focused on delivery to migrant communities. The Small Business Development Corporation undertook that sort of role, but it was not providing a service that targeted migrant communities. It has subsequently worked with the Office of Multicultural Interests to introduce specifically targeted forums for migrant business start-ups, which I am pretty certain are delivered across the state, and it also has an online presence. That is something that I would like to see rolled out across the state. I might ask the executive director to respond on what other areas are involved and how that objective is pursued in the regions.

**Mrs K. Ellwood:** I thank the member for that question. I want to expand on the fact that a lot of community engagement is happening in regional locations. The latest census data has come out, and we can see that a huge number of people from overseas live in our regional locations. A lot of engagement has happened previously in places like Bunbury, Kalgoorlie and Karratha. We have also delivered our community grants scheme, and there are three regional grants in that scheme at the moment, too, which we can detail if the member would like.

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** If I could grab that as—

**Mrs K. Ellwood:** I can tell the member now if he likes.

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** Yes, please.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I will ask the executive director to respond.

**Mrs K. Ellwood:** The three current grants in regional locations are in the Shire of Katanning, the City of Kalgoorlie–Boulder and in the south west in Bunbury.

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** How does the department arrive at providing grants in those areas? Is that done through the census data that the department receives or why does it choose those areas? I will argue that Carnarvon has more ethnic diversity than other towns.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I will get the executive director to respond. At the moment, a large amount of this process has been inherited and has not yet been changed. We have created a new multicultural advisory group with a view to assessing how money is employed in the agency, but at the moment, we are largely delivering under the previous regime. I will ask the executive director to respond.

**Mrs K. Ellwood:** Further to that question, it is based on community demand and need. It is an open and transparent grant process in which people have made an application. Previously, we have had applications from the midwest. The grant process is based on who has put in an application. We are definitely open to more regional applications in the next round.

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** How much of the grant—

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** Sorry, I will get the executive director to respond to that question, but the director general has reminded me rightly that the Office of Multicultural Interests is a very small agency with limited resources, but it engages significantly with many other agencies and departments and provides services via those other agencies. The department of culture and the arts provides a lot of multicultural engagement and promotion of multicultural programs, opportunities and benefits. It would not necessarily be solely its purview, but it frequently provides advice and points of contact. The member would know that ministers like Hon Simone McGurk, for instance, requested advice and support from the office with regard to countering domestic violence in culturally and linguistically diverse communities. However, largely that is not its activity; it frequently provides support with advice and specialist knowledge and references to points of contact.

[8.30 pm]

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** I accept all that; yes.

**Ms L. METTAM:** I refer to page 375 of budget paper No 2 and service 2, “Promotion and Support of Multiculturalism”. WA Labor’s 2015 policy platform states that all government departments should ensure that 15 per cent of client-facing staff are competent in at least one of the five major non-English languages spoken in Western Australia. The details of the number of client-facing staff employed in the public service was sought through a question asked by the shadow spokesperson for multicultural interests. The shadow spokesperson was advised that there is no clear definition of client-facing or client service roles in the public sector. On behalf of the shadow spokesperson, how does the minister intend to honour the election commitment?

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I think the member is referring to targets across government. Is that what the member is talking about?

**Ms L. METTAM:** Yes.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** That responsibility does not reside with the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests. I expect, under the Public Sector Commission, that the Premier is the appropriate person to ask. He is coming up on Thursday, I think.

**Ms L. METTAM:** Okay. That is it. I am happy to move on.

**The appropriation was recommended.**