

TAB

**485. Mr J.E. McGRATH to the Minister for Racing and Gaming:**

I refer to an article in *The West Australian* on 20 June titled “TAB needs ‘cost cutter’”. Can the minister confirm the analysis conducted by Morgan Stanley that the Western Australian TAB has become bloated with operating costs at 55 per cent of revenue, which is almost double that of Tabcorp and Tatts, and also can the minister confirm that covering the bloated operations of the TAB could be costing the WA racing industry in terms of its distribution from wagering?

**Mr P. PAPALIA replied:**

Thanks for the question. No, I cannot. I am not familiar with the report to which the member referred. I understand he is referring to some article in the back of *The West Australian* that I did not read. That aside, I have not seen the report to which the member referred, so I cannot confirm what he is asking.