

CROWN PERTH — SUPERVISION LEVELS

1119. Hon KATE DOUST to the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to page 4 of the Gaming and Wagering Commission of Western Australia's annual report 2014–2015, which states —

During the year, the Commission provided in-principle approval to allow Crown Perth to reduce table game supervision levels and management structure at the casino. The approval is subject to Crown Perth complying with a number of conditions, including the installation of a new surveillance system and other technology.

- (1) Why did the government approve in principle the reduction in supervision levels and management structure at the casino?
- (2) What are the conditions that Crown Perth will need to comply with?
- (3) Has Crown Perth introduced a new surveillance system and other technology?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The Gaming and Wagering Commission's approval in principle was in response to the casino licensee's new surveillance system and other technology, which places a greater reliance on technology to maintain the integrity of casino gaming.
- (2) The conditions are: a temporary increase in the casino licensee's surveillance department manning levels by one operator per shift for a period of not less than six months; a minimum of one surveillance operator per shift is dedicated to the live surveillance of casino table games and for a period of not less than six months, their findings and observations logged and provided to the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor in a weekly report; the use of new electronic card shuffling shoes at baccarat tables; the casino licensee's internal audit department review the ongoing level of compliance with prescribed requirements by table gaming staff and report their findings on a monthly basis with a copy to the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor; the casino licensee be required to provide a copy of the full scope and capability of the surveillance system they are proposing to implement and is required to deliver and fully implement that system before any of the proposed supervision level changes are implemented; timely consultation with the union in relation to reduction in staffing levels; and the casino licensee being informed that the commission may increase gaming supervision levels without notice or consultation where there is an increase in compliance issues or the commission forms the view that an increase is needed for any reason.
- (3) Yes.