

RACING AND WAGERING WESTERN AUSTRALIA — THOROUGHBRED CO-DIRECTOR

545. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to the answer the minister provided yesterday in question time about his appointment of a new thoroughbred co-director to the board of Racing and Wagering Western Australia.

- (1) Does the minister agree that he has created a precedent in the appointment process by giving greater weight to the vote of some industry bodies over others?
- (2) When was this new system communicated to the eligible voting bodies?

Mr P. PAPALIA replied:

I thank the member for the question.

- (1) No.
- (2) I have not created any new system. I took advice from the director general of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, who is the responsible public servant. He gave me advice and I took his advice, and that is how the appointment came about.