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

I have a supplementary question. Given that the minister has not seen the story—I gather the Treasurer would have seen the story because it was in the finance pages—would he ask the Treasurer to use the powers available to him to request a thorough inquiry by the Economic Regulation Authority into the operations of the TAB?

Mr P. PAPALIA replied:

No, of course not. The TAB is operated by Racing and Wagering Western Australia. The responsible authority that reports to government and publishes its annual reports in accordance with its obligations. There is no suggestion that there would be a requirement for the inquiry that the member is suggesting. I will not commit to that.