

Lotteries Commission —

Mrs M.R. Marshall, Chair.

Mr R.H. Cook, Premier.

Mr C. Smith, Chief Executive Officer

Ms L. Pritchard, General Manager, Grants and Community Development.

Mr R. Barilla, Director, Finance Services

[Witnesses introduced.]

The CHAIR: This estimates committee will be reported by Hansard. The daily proof *Hansard* will be available online as soon as possible within two business days. Questions must relate to the operations and budget of the off-budget authority. The chair will allow as many questions as possible. Questions and answers should be short and to the point.

A minister may agree to provide supplementary information to the committee. I will ask the minister to clearly indicate what information they agree to provide and will then allocate a reference number. Supplementary information should be provided to the principal clerk by noon on Friday, 31 May 2024. If a minister suggests that a matter be put on notice, members should use the online questions on notice system to submit their questions.

I give the call to the member for Cottesloe.

Dr D.J. HONEY: I refer to paragraph 1.5 under “Asset Investment Program” on page 568 of budget paper No 2, volume 2, which states that there is an undisclosed amount due to ongoing commercial-in-confidence negotiations into a major overhaul of existing gaming and support systems. Could the Premier outline why that is required and the nature of it?

Mr R.H. COOK: I might ask Mr Smith to answer that question.

Mr C. Smith: The replacement of our gaming system is a significant investment for the business. It is a long-term program replacing a 17-year-old system. The suppliers in the market are very limited. There are three main players in the market. It is commercial-in-confidence because we really need to go through a proper procurement process and therefore it is not appropriate to divulge commercial estimates at this point.

Dr D.J. HONEY: Yes, it is the nature of that.

The CHAIR: Unfortunately, that completes the examination of the off-budget authority Lotteries Commission.

Meeting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm