

GAMING LEGISLATION — IMPLEMENTATION

88. Hon COLIN HOLT to the minister representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to an article in *The Australian* published on 13 February 2019 under the headline “New WA gaming laws delayed”.

- (1) Why did the minister change the implementation date?
- (2) What did the minister do to inform the industry, public and Parliament of the changed implementation date?
- (3) Who was consulted prior to the decision and who will now be consulted with? Please list those industry bodies consulted.
- (4) What advice did the minister receive from Racing and Wagering Western Australia on this delay and the potential impact on the sale of the Western Australian TAB? Please table this advice.

Hon DARREN WEST replied:

On behalf of the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming, I provide the following answer. I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) It was to provide sufficient time for interstate gambling operators to comply with the new requirements.
- (2) The department as the responsible agency advised the following stakeholders by email: Racing and Wagering Western Australia; Crown Perth; Lotterywest; the Western Australian Bookmakers Association; Commercial Radio Australia; Free TV Australia; Seven West Media; Responsible Wagering Australia; Tabcorp; BetEasy; Ladbrokes; Sportsbet; Betfair; and Bet365.
- (3) RWWA, Responsible Wagering Australia, Tabcorp, BetEasy and Free TV will be consulted in regard to developing a new policy guideline to complement the legislative amendments.
- (4) RWWA was advised of the extension to the implementation date. No advice was provided on the potential impact on the sale of the WA TAB.