

RACING AND WAGERING WESTERN AUSTRALIA — TABCORP AND TATTS GROUP MERGER

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

I refer to Racing and Wagering Western Australia's submission to the Australian Competition Tribunal tabled by the minister on Tuesday.

- (1) Was the submission to the Australian Competition Tribunal dated March 7 endorsed by the board of RWWA?
- (2) The submission states that RWWA also participated in the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission process on the merger. Will the minister today table all documents relating to RWWA's participation in the ACCC process; and, if not, why not?
- (3) What specific information did Tabcorp provide to RWWA to allay concerns that the removal of one bidder—Tatts—from any potential future privatisation process may reduce competition for the potential acquisition of the WA TAB wagering licence?
- (4) Will the minister table the information; and, if not, why not?

**Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:**

I thank the member for notice of the question. The Minister for Racing and Gaming has provided the following information.

Garnering the information in the time required is not possible. I therefore ask the honourable member to place this question on notice.