

RACING AND GAMING — GOLDEN MILE TROTTING CLUB

1570. Hon Colin Holt to the minister representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

- (1) Is the Minister aware of business modelling prepared by Racing and Wagering Western Australia to justify its decision not to allocate further race dates to the Golden Mile Trotting Club in Kalgoorlie?
- (2) If yes to (1), was the Minister provided a copy of the business modelling?
- (3) If yes to (2), will the Minister table a copy of the business modelling?
- (4) Is the Minister satisfied with Racing and Wagering Western Australia's decision to limit the harness racing industry to the metropolitan area and the South West?
- (5) Was the Minister consulted prior to the closure of Western Australia's second oldest harness club, the Golden Mile Trotting Club?

Hon Alannah MacTiernan replied:

- (1) Yes, the Minister is aware of the analysis and modelling undertaken by Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWWA) on its decision regarding the Golden Mile Trotting Club (GMTC).
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Yes. [See tabled paper no 1751.] A summary of the analysis and modelling for the Minister as provided by RWWA.
- (4) Allocation of race dates is decided on a case-by-case basis.

A number of factors are taken into account to reach an outcome that supports the sustainability of the industry including the level of industry participation and community engagement at specific race meetings, the performance of those race meetings, the broadcasting of those race meetings and the programming and scheduling of race meetings across all three codes of racing.

Unfortunately, the cost to industry to support the GMTC was not deemed sustainable and therefore, in the best interests of the industry going forward.

- (5) The GMTC has not been closed; RWWA does not have the authority to close any race club.

The Minister was provided with briefings on the process as it was being undertaken with the GMTC and the Harness Code Committee.

The Minister acknowledges that the outcome is unfortunate for the GMTC, however following thorough analysis and consultation with the industry, the outcome reached was necessary for the sustainability of the wider industry.