

TOURISM — QANTAS MARKETING DEAL

**637. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Minister for Tourism:**

I refer the minister to the \$7.65 million marketing deal with Qantas announced on 11 September 2013.

- (1) What role did the minister play in negotiating the agreement?
- (2) On what date did the minister sign off on the agreement?
- (3) Did the minister hold shares in Qantas during any period of the negotiations and at the point the agreement was reached?
- (4) When and how did the minister dispose of any shares during that negotiation period?

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:**

I thank the member for the question.

- (1)–(4) It is true that I did have a shareholding with Qantas. They were shares that were part of an employee bonus scheme, for which I applied during my 10-year stint working for Qantas at the Perth international and Perth domestic airports. It was a long time ago, actually. They have been declared as per the usual procedures on my parliamentary declaration and also in my interests register with the cabinet secretary. I had no hand personally in the negotiations for the \$7.65 million joint marketing arrangement with Qantas. Most of those negotiations were conducted prior to my appointment as tourism minister. When I was appointed tourism minister, I immediately notified the cabinet secretary of a potential conflict of interest with my Qantas shares and was advised to dispose of them. I immediately took steps to dispose of those shares. The shares were disposed of, as I understand it, the day before the announcement to the market and to the public about that joint marketing arrangement with Qantas. I think that was on or about 11 September, and the finalisation of the share transaction was, as I understand it, the day before, and the cabinet secretary has been notified of the same.