

MARGARET RIVER GOURMET ESCAPE

1657. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Tourism:

I refer to the Margaret River Gourmet Escape, and ask:

- (a) how much does the State Government contribute to this event per annum; and
- (b) how much does the State Government contribute to Swan Valley events per annum?

Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:

- (a) The Western Australian Government commits an annual amount to a major events program managed through Tourism Western Australia. Support for all events is managed within that total budget.

The events program is highly competitive and commercially sensitive. The release of the information requested could result in a popular event becoming vulnerable to poaching activities by national and international entities. Accordingly, the Auditor General's office and both houses of Parliament will be notified that this question will not be answered, as per section 82 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*.

- (b) The State Government's event program does not include any events that are solely based in the Swan Valley. However, the Avon Descent, which runs through the Swan Valley, has been a part of the events program since 2001. No event funding proposals for the Swan Valley have been received in recent years, although there has been some occasional contact by potential event holders.