

RACING AND WAGERING WESTERN AUSTRALIA — THOROUGHBRED CO-DIRECTOR

**531. Mr V.A. CATANIA to the Minister for Racing and Gaming:**

I refer to the appointment of a new thoroughbred co-director to the Racing and Wagering Western Australia board. On what basis was this appointment made, given that the new director received nomination from only three of the eight eligible industry bodies?

**Ms M.M. Quirk** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Girrawheen, I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr P. PAPALIA replied:**

I thank the member for the question. As the member is no doubt aware—in fact, he referred to it in his question—there was no unified response from the code. As a consequence, the director general investigated which of the eligible bodies represented the most players in the industry and found that 77 per cent of the people were represented by three of the eligible bodies. He took their nomination and I took his advice.