

**CASINO (BURSWOOD ISLAND) AGREEMENT ACT 1985 — THIRTEENTH SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT**

*Statement by Minister for Racing and Gaming*

**HON COL HOLT (South West — Minister for Racing and Gaming)** [10.04 am]: I table the thirteenth supplementary agreement amending the Casino (Burswood Island) Agreement schedule to the Casino (Burswood Island) Agreement Act 1985. In a statement in the other place on 27 November 2014, Hon Terry Waldron, the then Minister for Racing and Gaming, informed Parliament of the government's decision to reduce Crown Perth's international commission business tax rate from 11 per cent to eight per cent. The minister also announced the government's decision to replace the current GST reimbursement scheme with a net-of-GST tax rate scheme. The net-of-GST tax rates for electronic gaming machines, table games and fully automated table games were implemented in December 2014 via a review notice issued by the minister under clause 23 of the Casino (Burswood Island) Agreement.

The net-of-GST tax rate for the international commission business will be 1.75 per cent, which, under the thirteenth supplementary agreement, will take effect from 1 July 2015. The reduction in the ICB tax rate is subject to Crown paying a minimum net of GST tax of \$9.05 million a year for five years, which will guarantee the state receiving at least \$45.25 million in international commission business tax over five years. The thirteenth supplementary agreement commits Crown to this guarantee. Honourable members should note that the effective reduction in the international commission business net-of-GST tax rate since December last year is being implemented through a reimbursement scheme administered by the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor. The gaming machine, table game and fully automated table game tax rates have also been amended to reflect the rates presently in operation as a consequence of the review notice issued by the minister last year.

The opportunity has also been taken to amend clause 23 of the Casino (Burswood Island) Agreement to clarify the state's right to annually review the tax rates for electronic gaming machines, table games, fully automated table games and international commission business. In addition, to provide the Burswood Park Board with the flexibility in the purposes for which it may apply the levy moneys received from Crown Perth, clause 23 has been further amended to authorise the board, with the prior consent of the minister and the trustee of the Burswood Property Trust, to make expenditure on any other projects or matters as the board may determine.

[See paper 2668.]