

RACING AND GAMING — WESTERN TRILOGY

1552. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the parliamentary secretary to the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to a study undertaken by Racing and Wagering WA (RWWA) which showed that the Western Trilogy generated \$6 million in revenue for the state in 2023, referred to in an *Australian Racing Greyhound* article published on 06 August 2023, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please table this study? If not, why not;
- (b) was this study performed by RWWA or an external party;
- (c) if an external party, which one;
- (d) how much profit was generated by each code in the study;
- (e) for the 2023 Sandgroper, Nullarbor and Quokka events respectively, how much did the State Government spend in total on:
  - (i) advertising for the events;
  - (ii) hospitality and gala events during the weekend for RWWA staff, Board of Directors, Ministers, club staff and out of state representatives; and
  - (iii) travel and accommodation for RWWA staff, Board of Directors, Ministers, club staff and out of state representatives;
- (f) how many animals at each of the above events were:
  - (i) injured and stood down for more than 40 days; and
  - (ii) euthanised, either on track or subsequently as a result of injury incurred; and
- (g) for each of the above events, how much of the prize money won from each remained within WA?

**Hon Darren West replied:**

- (a) Yes. [See tabled paper no 2539.]
- (b) The study was conducted by an external party.
- (c) The external party is IER Pty Ltd, which is a business consultancy specialising in research, strategy development, economic and social impacts for the racing, sports, and major events industries. The evaluation is undertaken using methodology consistent with the requirements of the Australian government.
- (d) This information is not available. The study was not undertaken by individual code due to the tri-code nature of the Western Trilogy events.
- (e)
  - (i) nil
  - (ii) nil
  - (iii) nil
- (f)
  - (i) nil
  - (ii) nil animals were euthanised or seriously injured in any of the three races.
- (g) Estimated amount of prize money won by Western Australians – Quokka \$1.7M, Nullarbor \$470K, Sandgroper \$155K.

The above figures are estimated based on the prize money won by (a) WA-based owners and (b) WA-based slot holders. Note that complete accuracy is not available from the data because slot holder groups consist of members that reside in both WA and other states and the private nature of the prizemoney split between slot holders and owners.