

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE HEARING

QUESTION ON NOTICE: SPORT AND RECREATION

The Hon Trevor Khan submitted questions on notice for the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation, following the Budget Estimates Committee Hearing.

Questions 1, 2 & 3: Boxing

The Hon Trevor Khan:

Q1. What are the risks of women's amateur boxing that distinguish it from kickboxing and martial arts?

Q2. Is it this Government's intention to continue to allow registration of female boxers in NSW, while not allowing them to fight in NSW?

Q.3 Why does the Government continue to ban under-14 amateur boxing while allowing combat sports such as martial arts and kickboxing for under-14 year old boys?

Answer:

The Government is currently considering options to amend the Act. The introduction of an amending Bill will provide an opportunity for the policy merits of the various elements of the legislation to be debated at that time.

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Question 4: Sports Betting

The Hon Trevor Khan:

What are you doing to protect the intellectual property of the AFL, NRL, ARU and FFA in relation to sports betting in NSW?

Answer:

The Government supports the principle that sporting bodies should share in betting revenue derived from their sport.

There is no impediment to sporting bodies entering into direct negotiations with wagering operators, as has already occurred with the AFL.

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Question 5: Sports Betting

The Hon Trevor Khan:

Is it your intention to continue to let bookmakers wagering on football games played in NSW, and by NSW clubs, to pay nothing back to the clubs or the code?

Answer:

Refer to the response to question 4.

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Question 6: Major Sporting Events

The Hon Trevor Khan:

Have you co-operated with the Premier's Office and Events NSW to earmark major sporting events that can potentially be bid for? If so, please list the events currently under bidding?

Answer:

My department has a close working relationship with Events NSW and participates in the Strategic Events Liaison Group and Events Liaison Group, coordinated by Events NSW.

Discussions around event attraction are highly sensitive and are generally the subject of commercial-in-confidence considerations.

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Question 7: Weight-for-age Restrictions

The Hon Trevor Khan:

Minister, in the last year, has the Government expanded upon the weight-for-age conditions tested by the NSW Rugby League?

Answer:

The Government does not regulate weight-for-age conditions in Rugby League. NSW Rugby League is an independent not-for-profit organisation which sets its own policies and rules for the conduct of junior sport.

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Questions 8 & 9: V8 Supercars – Eastern Creek

The Hon Trevor Khan:

Eastern Creek has recently lost the A1GP and the V8 Supercars, and was once the host of the 500cc Moto GP. What is your Department doing to ensure the venue does not become a white elephant? What plans do you have for Eastern Creek Raceway?

Do you contend that **if** the Government was willing to spend the amounts suggested for the V8 street race on Eastern Creek, \$30m funding plus a \$14m track, the venue would be suitable for any international racing event with minimal disruption to the community?

Answer:

The Eastern Creek Raceway is operated under a commercial lease arrangement with the Australian Racing Drivers' Club (ARDC). ARDC is solely responsible for all costs associated with operating the Raceway and also the cost of any further development of a capital or structural nature that it may seek to undertake.

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Question 10: Major Sporting Events

The Hon Trevor Khan:

As Minister for Sport and Recreation what involvement did your Department have in the failed bid to bring the F1 GP to NSW? Given reports of the event having being economically questionable in Melbourne, is it the calibre of major sporting events we can expect your Department to advise bids for?

Answer:

The Department of the Arts, Sport and Recreation was not involved with the bid to bring the F1 GP to NSW.

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Question 11: Major Sporting Events

The Hon Trevor Khan:

What advice has your Department given Events NSW about the possibility of hosting the Australian Open in Sydney after its Victorian contract expires?

Answer:

My Department has not provided advice to Events NSW about this event.

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Question 12: Major Sporting Events

The Hon Trevor Khan:

What has happened to the Premier's announcement that Sydney would be bidding for the World Cup in the near future? Has your department been in contact with the FFA about this possibility? If not, has Events NSW sidelined the Department in discussions with the FFA?

Answer:

I advised that Events NSW continues to work with the FFA and representatives from key State Government agencies, including my Department, towards preparing a bid for the 2018 World Cup.

Representatives from my Department have attended briefing sessions, conducted by the Football Federation Australia, on the FIFA World Cup, along with Events NSW and other Government agencies.

A bid for the FIFA World Cup must be made by the FFA, as our national football association, with federal and state support. A COAG decision in 2006 noted that the Commonwealth and State would support a FFA bid for the 2018 world cup finals.

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Question 13: Major Sporting Events

The Hon Trevor Khan:

How do you intend to support the FFA with its bid, considering the FFA stated a lack of support from the NSW Government was the major factor in its failed attempt to host the World Club Championships in 2010 and 2011? Do you have a role in discussions with the FFA, as the chief advocate for sport in the NSW Government?

Answer:

Please refer to the response to question 12.

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Question 14: Phone Betting – Tom Waterhouse

The Hon Trevor Khan:

With relation to Tom Waterhouse and phone betting operators, what is the Minister going to do to ensure that the integrity of the race fields legislation is not compromised?

Answer:

The Government's response is set out in the amendment to the *Racing Administration Bill 2008* which was introduced into Parliament on 29 October 2008.

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Question 15: Phone Betting – Tom Waterhouse

The Hon Trevor Khan:

What action has been taken by the Government to rectify anomalies in the race fields legislation as identified in the recent Court case with the Waterhouse family?

Answer:

Refer to the response to question 14.

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Question 16: Phone Betting – Tom Waterhouse

The Hon Trevor Khan:

What is the Government's intention in relation to phone betting?

Answer:

Refer to the response to question 14.

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Question 17: Phone Betting – Tom Waterhouse

The Hon Trevor Khan:

Will you give an undertaking that all forms of bookmaking in Australia, TAB, Internet, phone or otherwise, will contribute positively to racing in NSW and ensure the survival and success of the industry at, or above, current standards?

Answer:

Refer to the response to question 14.

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Question 18: Section 30 - Advertising

The Hon Trevor Khan:

What correspondence have you had with Clubs NSW following its rejection of a proposal by an interstate corporate bookmaker to install Internet stations in clubs?

Answer:

No correspondence has been received from Clubs NSW on this issue.

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Question 19: Section 30 - Advertising

The Hon Trevor Khan:

What is the Government going to do with respect to gaming outlets such as these?

Answer:

The Government is considering the issue of wagering operators seeking to establish Internet terminals in public premises such as registered clubs. In this regard, it is interested in the outcomes of the wagering regulation review being conducted by Alan Cameron AM.

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Question 20: TAB

The Hon Trevor Khan:

In view of the Victorian Government bringing forward consideration of the renewal of its totalisator licence and given that the company Tabcorp Ltd is the owner of both the Victorian and NSW totalisator licences, will you also be bringing forward consideration of the renewal of the NSW totalisator licence?

Answer:

No.

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Question 21: TAB

The Hon Trevor Khan:

What was the amount of taxation paid by the TAB Ltd for totalisator operations in the past 12 months and what is expected over the next 12 months?

Answer:

As taxation is a matter for the Treasurer, this question should be directed to him.

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Question 22: Race Fields

The Hon Trevor Khan:

Are you aware of any other potential court action challenging the race fields legislation in NSW? Irrespective of the outcome of any further challenges, will the Department guarantee that there will be no disadvantage to the racing industry because of this Government's poorly constructed legislation?

Answer:

I am aware of proceedings in the Federal Court challenging the legislation.

The Government's legislation was drafted on the basis of legal advice and was passed by Parliament with bi-partisan support.

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Question 23: Race Fields

The Hon Trevor Khan:

Will the NSW Government join with the Thoroughbred Racing and Harness Racing Industries in the Court proceedings instigated by Betfair in respect of fees levied under the Race fields Legislation?

Answer:

As the Government's involvement in legal proceedings is a matter for the Attorney-General, this question should be directed to him.

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Question 24: Race Fields

The Hon Trevor Khan:

How will this Government ensure the race fields legislation, given assent in June 2008 two years after passing through NSW Parliament, is enforced with its original intent?

Answer:

The Government will enforce the legislation by pursuing the offence provisions as appropriate and necessary.

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Question 25: Race Fields

The Hon Trevor Khan:

What do you see as an appropriate rate of revenue paid by betting exchanges, considering reports that Betfair pays 24c out of \$100, or 0.24%, in other jurisdictions?

Answer:

Each NSW racing control body (Racing NSW, Harness Racing NSW and Greyhound Racing NSW) has the discretion to set a race fields fee up to the amount of the prescribed cap (1.5% of wagering turnover on the relevant NSW race field).

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Question 26: Luxbet

The Hon Trevor Khan:

What impact will Tabcorp's new LUXBET.COM corporate bookmaking arm have on racing in NSW?

Answer:

I am advised that under the Racing Distribution Agreement between TAB Limited (Tabcorp) and the racing industry, Tabcorp is not permitted to take actions or make decisions which could reasonably be expected to reduce financial returns or adversely affect the development of the NSW racing industry.

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Question 27: Luxbet

The Hon Trevor Khan:

Given that Luxbet will be paying 12.5% on top of any race fields fees applicable in NSW, what are you prepared to do to ensure a comparable level of return to the racing industry from other corporate bookmakers?

Answer:

Refer to the responses to questions 24 and 25.

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Question 28: Luxbet

The Hon Trevor Khan:

What is the government doing in relation to NSW stewards, who continue to have no access to betting exchange and corporate bookmaker records that as yet make no contribution to the NSW Government or racing industry?

Answer:

The *Racing Administration Regulations 2005* provide for the relevant racing control body to impose a condition on race fields approvals that requires approval holders to provide the control body with their financial and wagering records. This is the mechanism by which race stewards obtain access to records.

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Question 29: GHRRA

The Hon Trevor Khan:

Following the Auditor General's Report into the restructure of Greyhound and Harness Racing, how has the Department ensured that this process will be completed as quickly as possible?

Answer:

Two further reviews that considered matters relevant to the Greyhound and Harness Racing industry commenced prior to the release of the Audit Office evaluation. These were the statutory five year review of the *Greyhound Racing Act 2002* and the *Harness Racing Act 2002* and the independent review of the regulatory oversight of the NSW Racing Industry by Malcolm Scott.

The recommendations of both these reviews were made public and the reports were tabled in Parliament on 26 June 2008. The 74 submissions and the reports' recommendations are currently being considered.

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Question 30: GHRRA

The Hon Trevor Khan:

Given that funds have been taken from Greyhound Racing NSW to allow for the restructure to continue, do you think it is appropriate for Greyhound Racing NSW to pay disproportionately more than Harness Racing NSW in this restructure?

Answer:

The issue of attribution of costs between the greyhound and harness codes is a matter that was identified by the NSW Audit Office.

Refer to the response to question 29.

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Question 31: GHRRA

The Hon Trevor Khan:

How will you compensate greyhound racing for this blow out in restructuring costs?

Answer:

Refer to the response to question 30.

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Question 32: GHRRA

The Hon Trevor Khan:

Do you agree that the merged GHRRA has created problems for the greyhound and harness racing industries? If not, how so?

Answer:

The evaluation of the GHRRA merger is set out in the reports referred to in the answer to question 29.

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Question 33: GHRRA

The Hon Trevor Khan:

When will the Government announce its response to the Scott Inquiry into the regulation of racing in NSW?

Answer:

The Government's response to the Scott Review will be made in due course.

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Question 34: GHRRA

The Hon Trevor Khan:

Will the Minister consult with the Industry before implementing any of Scott's recommendations?

Answer:

Yes, where appropriate.

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Question 35: Thoroughbred Restructure

The Hon Trevor Khan:

What is the estimated total cost involved in the restructure of the Thoroughbred Racing Industry?

Answer:

The Thoroughbred Racing Industry was not restructured.

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Question 36: Thoroughbred Restructure

The Hon Trevor Khan:

How does the Minister believe the restructure will affect country thoroughbred racing?

Answer:

Refer to the response to question 35.

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Question 37: Thoroughbred Restructure

The Hon Trevor Khan:

Do you think the ability to change distribution of funds should be given to the board? Does this not lend itself to further problems for country racing?

Answer:

In June 2008, the policy merits of the issue were considered by the Parliament in the context of amendments made to the *Thoroughbred Racing Act 1996*, which provide for an independent Board and clarify the powers of Racing NSW.

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Question 38: Thoroughbred Re-structure

The Hon Trevor Khan:

Is the Minister now satisfied that the structure and the method for the selection of the Board is the most appropriate given the dissatisfaction being expressed by certain industry participants and selection panel members and calls for the retention of the existing successful structure?

Answer:

Yes, provided the *Thoroughbred Racing Further Amendment Bill 2008*, which was introduced into Parliament on 30 October 2008, is passed.

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Question 39: Prize Money

The Hon Trevor Khan:

Minister, what has been the overall prize money in the thoroughbred racing industry, the greyhound racing industry, and the harness racing industry in New South Wales in each year ended 30 June 2007 and 2008?

Answer:

	<u>Thoroughbreds</u>	<u>Harness</u>	<u>Greyhounds</u>
2006/07	\$104,023,000	\$20,093,950	\$14,827,485
2007/08	\$82,300,000	\$13,841,650	\$15,205,016

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Question 40: Administration

The Hon Trevor Khan:

What was the total cost of administration of Racing including all boards, tribunals, and authorities for the year ending June 2008?

Answer:

Financial information of this nature can be obtained from the relevant Annual reports.

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Question 41: Administration

The Hon Trevor Khan:

What have been the net savings or costs of the consolidation of the Departments of Gaming and Racing, Sport and Recreation and certain Arts Agencies into the Department of The Arts, Sport and Recreation?

Answer:

While there are ongoing operational efficiencies in consolidating the agencies, the creation of a single Department was undertaken to provide more strategic alignment of areas that collectively contribute to key State Plan priorities.

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Question 42: Administration

The Hon Trevor Khan:

How many staff are employed in the Director General's Unit.? What is the annual cost of maintaining that Unit and are those costs additional to the previous costs of maintaining individual administrations?

Answer:

The Office of the Director-General employed approximately 10 Equivalent Full time staff in 2007/08.

The costs of previous individual administrations are not directly comparable to the current arrangements given the significant increase in responsibilities of the Director-General within the Arts, Sport and Recreation portfolio.

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QUESTION ON NOTICE: LIQUOR

The Hon Trevor Khan submitted a question on notice for the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation, following the Budget Estimates Committee Hearing.

Question 43: Liquor Act

The Hon Trevor Khan:

What has been the total cost of the restructure due to the new Liquor Act? What is the projected final cost of the restructure?

Answer:

The costs of implementing the new liquor laws will be met within the existing resources of the Department of Arts, Sport and Recreation. An additional \$3.6 million will be provided through Budget supplementation.

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Question 44: Liquor Act

The Hon Trevor Khan:

What is the projected saving or cost of the new amalgamated authority, in comparison to the previous authorities?

Answer:

Refer to the response to question 43.

Questions regarding the former Licensing Court should be referred to the Attorney-General.

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Question 45: Liquor Act

The Hon Trevor Khan:

What level of increased resources is there in your department following this transformation?

Answer:

Refer to the response in question 43.

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Question 46: Liquor Act

The Hon Trevor Khan:

What is the total cost of the OLGR e-Accord Newsletters that are being sent out weekly?

Answer:

The e-Accord Newsletter publication is produced in-house and involves about three hours per week at a cost of approximately \$80 per hour. There are minimal additional costs in publishing electronically.

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Question 47: Smoking Restrictions

The Hon Trevor Khan:

In light of the recent decision against Dubbo RSL, what detailed consultation have you had with the Planning and Health Departments? Have the Departments worked together so that clubs and hotels across NSW will not be unfairly disadvantaged?

Answer:

Questions regarding decisions made in relation to the *Smoke-free Environment Act 2000* should be directed to the Minister for Health.

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Question 48: Smoking Restrictions

The Hon Trevor Khan:

What outcome do you think would be acceptable for the licensed premises of NSW, given the \$450m outlay by clubs renovating to abide by the new smoking restrictions?

Answer:

Refer to the response to question 47.

Kevin Greene MP
Minister for Gaming and Racing
Minister for Sport and Recreation

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE HEARING

QUESTION ON NOTICE: LIQUOR

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Question 49: Smoking Restrictions

The Hon Trevor Khan:

What input did you and your Department have in allowing clubs to make these changes that are now deemed to be unacceptable to NSW Health?

Answer:

Refer to the response to question 47.

Kevin Greene MP

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Question 50: Smoking Restrictions

The Hon Trevor Khan:

Why were these renovations approved, when they were specifically designed to adhere to the new restrictions, and did the Department coordinate between the clubs/pub, the Department for Planning, and the Department for Health? Has the Department adequately represented those it regulates to the Government?

Answer:

The Department is not involved in the approval process for renovations undertaken by clubs and pubs seeking to meet requirements under the *Smoke Free Environment Act 2000*.

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Question 51: Smoking Restrictions

The Hon Trevor Khan:

Do you accept responsibility, as Minister for Gaming and Racing, and will you guarantee to represent clubs and hotels so that they will not be disadvantaged by the Government's lack of organisation and cooperation?

Answer:

As Minister, I will fulfil my portfolio responsibilities under the Acts I administer. The Minister for Health is responsible for administering the *Smoke Free Environment Act 2000*.

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Question 52: Keno in Pubs

The Hon Trevor Khan:

What was the increase in tax revenue for the Government following the introduction of Keno into hotels in 2007?

Answer:

As taxation is a matter for the Treasurer, this question should be directed to him.

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Question 53: Keno in Pubs

The Hon Trevor Khan:

Can the minister provide details of the changes to tax revenue in relation to the introduction of Keno into hotels over the 2007 and 2008 financial years?

Answer:

Refer to the response to question 52.

Kevin Greene MP

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QUESTION ON NOTICE: LIQUOR

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Question 54: Gaming Machines Review

The Hon Trevor Khan:

What was the total cost of the Gaming Machines Review released in December 2007?

Answer:

There were no additional costs related to the review of the *Gaming Machines Act 2001* as it was a statutory review as required by law. The review was conducted at minimal cost and was provided from within existing resources as part of the normal course of business of the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing.

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QUESTION ON NOTICE: LIQUOR

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Question 55: Gaming Machines Review

The Hon Trevor Khan:

When do you intend to action the recommendations made in the review by way of a substantive re-write of the Act?

Answer:

The *Gaming Machines Amendment Bill 2008* was introduced into Parliament on 29 October 2008. This Bill implements the recommendations made as part of the statutory five year review of the *Gaming Machines Act 2001*.

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QUESTION ON NOTICE: LIQUOR

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Question 56: Gaming Machines Review

The Hon Trevor Khan:

Do you agree that clubs with Poker Machine Entitlements that expire at the end of this year while the transfer freeze is in effect will lose money if the freeze is not lifted?

Answer:

The *Gaming Machines Amendment Bill 2008* which was introduced into Parliament on 29 October 2008 proposes to remove the 1 December deadline and allow clubs to retain the entitlements until they can find a buyer.

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QUESTION ON NOTICE: LIQUOR

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Question 57: Gaming Machines Review

The Hon Trevor Khan:

Will you now undertake to ensure no club or hotel in NSW will lose entitlements or revenue because the Department is not yet taken any action on the report?

Answer:

Refer to the response to question 55.

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE HEARING

QUESTION ON NOTICE: MGTMs

The Hon Trevor Khan submitted a question on notice for the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation, following the Budget Estimates Committee Hearing.

Question 58: Gaming Machines Review

The Hon Trevor Khan:

What is the perceived risk related to multi-terminal gaming machines as opposed to regular gaming machines?

Answer:

The casino-game style multi-terminal gaming machines have \$100 bet limits and allow for the possibility of \$500,000 prizes to be awarded. There is the potential for clubs with multi-terminal gaming machines to become de-facto casinos contrary to their intended predominant use as multi-purpose community based social venues.

Kevin Greene MP

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QUESTION ON NOTICE: LIQUOR

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Question 59: MGTMs

The Hon Trevor Khan:

Why do you think it is necessary to legislate the rate of 15% of all gaming outlets for club venues?

Answer:

Refer to the response to question 58.

Kevin Greene MP

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QUESTION ON NOTICE: LIQUOR

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Question 60: Muswellbrook

The Hon Trevor Khan:

In relation to Muswellbrook Race Club's rejected application for a Grant for Capital Expenditure, can you explain why your Department has not responded to the club's request for any explanation, or guidance for a future successful claim?

Answer:

The Department has now responded to representations received on behalf of the Club.

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QUESTION ON NOTICE: LIQUOR

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Question 61: Muswellbrook

The Hon Trevor Khan:

Given the club's repeated request for assistance, will you guarantee now that the club will be contacted in relation to their application as soon as possible?

Answer:

Refer to the response to question 60.

Kevin Greene MP

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