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## GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE No. 3

Friday 17 September 2010

Examination of proposed expenditure for the portfolio area

### GAMING AND RACING, SPORT AND RECREATION, MAJOR EVENTS

The Committee met at 2.00 p.m.

#### MEMBERS

The Hon. J. G. Ajaka (Chair)

The Hon. R. Borsak  
The Hon. G. J. Donnelly  
The Hon. D. T. Harwin

Dr J. Kaye  
The Hon. S. Moselmane  
The Hon. L. J. Voltz

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#### PRESENT

**The Hon. K. P. Greene**, *Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events*

**Communities NSW**  
**Ms C. Mills**, *Director General*

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**CHAIR:** I declare the hearing for the inquiry into budget estimates 2010-2011 open to the public. I welcome Minister Greene and his accompanying officials. Today the Committee will examine the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Gaming and Racing, Sport and Recreation, and Major Events.

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Any messages from attendees in the public gallery should be delivered through the Chamber support staff or the Committee clerks. Minister, I remind you and the officers accompanying you that you are free to pass notes and refer directly to your advisers while at the table. A remind everyone to turn off their mobile phones. The Committee has agreed to the following format, with one change: That 1½ will be allocated to questioning on the Gaming and Racing portfolio. We will then have one hour for the Major Events portfolio and finally we will deal, for one hour, with the Sport and Recreation portfolio, divided evenly, starting with the Opposition, then the crossbench and then Government members. If the entire time of a particular party has not been taken up that will not be redivided and we will simply finish earlier, so I ask you to ensure your officers are available.

The House has resolved that answers to questions on notice must be provided within 21 days or as otherwise determined by the Committee. The Committee has not varied the 21-day time frame. Transcripts of this hearing will be available on the web from tomorrow morning. All witnesses from departments, statutory bodies or corporations will be sworn prior to giving evidence.

**CAROL MILLS**, Director General, Communities New South Wales, affirmed and examined:

**CHAIR:** I declare the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Gaming and Racing, Sport and Recreation, and Major Events open for examination. As there is no provision for a Minister to make an opening statement, we will now commence with the Gaming and Racing portfolio and questions from the Opposition.

Ms Mills, with regard to the Responsible Gaming Fund of which you are a trustee, do you find it strange that of all the trustees Mr Clifford Wong is the only member listed who is not part of the New South Wales public service or affiliated with a charity?

**Ms MILLS:** No. The membership is drawn from a range of places, with expertise to add value to the discussions of the matters at hand in the trust. A number of people have input into selection, including the chair of the existing trust and, of course, the Minister of the day.

**CHAIR:** Is Mr Wong a paid trustee of the fund and, if so, do you know what his remuneration is?

**Ms MILLS:** All trustees receive a small remuneration. I will have to take that on notice, but off the top of my head I think it is approximately \$5,000.

**CHAIR:** Minister, are you aware that Mr Wong serves as an ALP councillor on Hurstville council?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Certainly.

**CHAIR:** And that he serves as a councillor with your chief of staff, Steve McMahon, who is also a councillor on the council?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Yes.

**CHAIR:** Did that play any role in your decision to appoint Mr Wong as a trustee?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I did not appoint him.

**CHAIR:** Do you feel there would be any conflict of interest under the code of conduct for the Responsible Gaming Fund in their capacity as trustees?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** As I say, I did not appoint him.

**CHAIR:** Is it something that you would look at to ascertain if there is a conflict of interest?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I do not see it is relevant because, as I understand it, Mr Wong has resigned.

**CHAIR:** That is the situation now, Mr Wong has resigned?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** That is the advice that I have received.

**CHAIR:** Did he give reasons why he resigned?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I am not aware of any reasons.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** On what date did he resign?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I understand it was recently, but I cannot give you the exact date.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Would you be able to take that question on notice for us and get back to the Committee?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Certainly.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** How many charities has the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing investigated over the past five years?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I can give a very detailed answer to that. I understand that last year—so I cannot give you the last five years but for last year—the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing undertook 96 inquiries into individuals and organisations that conduct fundraising activities to ensure compliance with charitable fundraising laws. That was in the last 12 months. Do you need greater detail than that?

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** I would like, Minister, for you to take it on notice for the previous four years?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Certainly.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** If you could provide that information to the Committee.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** As you appreciate, we did not bring detail for the period of review.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** I am happy with your answer in that respect. How many prosecutions has the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing launched in the last five years?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Again, I would have to take that on notice for the five-year detail.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Are you able to give me the details for the last 12 months?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I will look and see if I have got that. You have to recognise that some of these may have been referred to the police so I have not got the specifics of the ones where we have undertaken direct inquiries, so again I will have to take the specifics of that on notice.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** I am sorry, what was that? You are taking the whole lot on notice?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** As I said, some of the investigations may well have gone to police for prosecution; some may have been prosecutions undertaken by our department over the five-year period and certainly potentially over the last 12 months. Some get referred, some also of course—

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** No, I appreciate that. I do apologise for asking you to repeat but I have a problem with hayfever.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Not a problem.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** My question was specifically asking in relation to those that the office has launched, not the police?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Yes, The Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing. Some of those ultimately may have been referred to the police or, indeed, the Department of Fair Trading. We will take that specifically, no worries.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Are you saying, therefore, that there were none that you launched?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** No, I said we would have to take it on notice. To make sure I give a totally and completely accurate answer, I would want to be certain that we got the specific figure that you want just about the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing direct prosecutions by the court. That is what you are asking for, is it not?

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Yes, that is absolutely what I am asking for. I am just surprised that you would not have that detail with you.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** This is also the point, that many are also referred to the Department of Justice and the Attorney General as that department administers and regulates one of the Acts which we looked at, the Charitable Fundraising Act.

**CHAIR:** I am happy for you to take this on notice, but if we could be made aware of exactly how many your department instigated, commenced, inquired into and how many continued to fruition, to finalisation, and how many were then referred on to the police and how many were referred on to the Department of Fair Trading?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I am happy to take that on notice. Do you still want that for the five-year period?

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Yes, please. Minister or Ms Mills, are you able to provide the Committee with details of how many successful prosecutions there were in the last 12 months by the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing?

**Ms MILLS:** I think perhaps the word "prosecution" is the challenge for us in terms of the legal meaning of that. We have a range of responsibilities that we can adjudicate on, prosecution being, in its legal sense, not necessarily within the bailiwick of what we primarily do. Because we regulate the charity we can provide advice to the police if we find information that gives cause for concern. We can also seek organisations to show cause why they should continue to be covered under the Charitable Fundraising Act and we can also remove their charitable fundraising status.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** And remove their charitable status?

**Ms MILLS:** For New South Wales.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** In terms of the sorts of legal initiatives that you can take, were any of those taken and successfully concluded in terms of the various categories that you outlined?

**Ms MILLS:** The precise details I would have to take on notice, but clearly there are individual examples that we could provide further detail on, if you had specific charities in mind.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** In January 2009 the former Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing commissioner, Michael Foggo, stated he would launch an investigation into an organisation called Bush Haven, the school for incapacitated children with the view of—and he used this term—prosecuting them under the Charitable Funds Act. Was this organisation prosecuted?

**Ms MILLS:** I would have to take that on notice.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** So you have no details with you on any of the prosecutions?

**Ms MILLS:** Not that one, no.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** You are unable to help me with that. If you are taking that on notice, if you would be kind enough also to provide the Committee with details of whatever penalty was imposed, if there was a prosecution, or any other legal initiative against that organisation taken by the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing?

**Ms MILLS:** I will certainly do that, yes.

**CHAIR:** You appreciate the real concern for the public are scam merchants pretending to be charities and taking money for clearly illegal purposes. How does your department monitor and prevent this from occurring?

**Ms MILLS:** We have a number of different initiatives. Obviously in the first phase of actually giving charitable status, we look into the organisation itself. We also run a large number of training programs and awareness programs both for charities and also for people who might participate in them. We also monitor where information is brought to our attention that there may be concerns and we investigate on that basis. As the Minister said, last year we undertook 96 inquiries into individuals to ensure compliance.

Just to give you a sense of the scale of the work, last year we authorised 1,744 new fundraising authorities. We have on the record as at 30 June 2010, 5,227 authorised fundraising organisations. We undertook 20 seminars for charitable fundraising to provide guidance to people in 2009-10. We did 46 in 2008-

09. We also issued over 13,500 trade promotion lottery permits, 442 games of chance permits and undertook 190 inquiries last year into community gaming issues.

**CHAIR:** So significant numbers clearly, which is fine, and I do not mean that as a criticism; it is, in fact, a compliment. When you license someone, let me deal with the licence as opposed to the unlicensed ones to create a fictitious number, et cetera—you have checked them out and licensed them, how do you monitor them to ensure they are complying?

**Ms MILLS:** We have a compliance system. A number of our staff are rostered to do that on a risk basis, but a large amount of the information comes to us from obviously community concerns and we then initiate investigations.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Minister, what is your view of the Racing NSW Strategic Plan 2010? Is this a document that still governs your approach to this portfolio?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** That is correct. Racing NSW has prepared a strategic plan which was launched, from memory, in June this year.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Minister, am I right in thinking that the merger of the Australian Jockey Club and the Sydney Turf Club was not included in this strategic plan?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** That would be correct.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Has this significant new initiative emerged since that strategic plan was developed?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** No, it has not emerged since then; it has been on the agenda for probably the past 10 years.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Is there any particular reason why you went ahead and issued the strategic plan before that initiative was completed?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Racing NSW issued the strategic plan. Part of its responsibility is to provide a strategic plan, which it has done.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Would the casual observer be forgiven for finding it a bit curious perhaps that such a significant initiative was not part of the strategic plan?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** The casual observer who knew nothing about racing may be. But anyone who knows anything about racing would recognise that there have been discussions between the Australian Jockey Club and the Sydney Turf Club dating back to certainly early this decade, if not indeed the last century. There have been various proposals, some of which have been closer to bearing fruit than others. As I say, certainly most recently it has been strongly on the agenda for probably the past 18 to 20 months.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** When the loan of \$150 million being organised by Racing NSW was announced, you represented it as crucial to the future survival of the racing industry, did you not?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Yes.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** In what way will provincial and country race clubs be assisted by the \$150 million loan arrangement?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** The proposals to merge the Australian Jockey Club and the Sydney Turf Club, as I say, have been around for a period of time. Part of this proposal is the support of the New South Wales Government for what that provides. You are aware of the Ernst and Young report and the LEK Consulting report, I assume?

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Thank you, yes.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Do you want me to go into the detail of that?

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** I would like you to concentrate particularly on what I have directed you to, which is the way in which country race clubs will benefit from the arrangement.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** As you would appreciate from your knowledge of the racing industry, there are very great synergies between metropolitan racing, provincial racing and country racing. There are something like 120 thoroughbred tracks in New South Wales, there are the two major Sydney clubs, being the Australian Jockey Club and the Sydney Turf Club, there are the five provincial clubs, and then there are various country clubs.

The strength of New South Wales racing obviously hinges on the strength of metropolitan racing. A number of challenges have been presented to racing, particular over the past 10 to 15 years, not the least of which is the expansion of corporate bookmakers in the Northern Territory, and therefore the leakage of potential funding from wagering that would normally flow through to Racing NSW and therefore flow through to Sydney, provincial and country clubs, and also competition from other States.

There is a strong belief that providing a merged Sydney club between the Australian Jockey Club and the Sydney Turf Club would provide great stimulus for provincial and country racing. That is why the provincial clubs and country clubs have, as a general group, been very supportive of the proposals with regard to the merger. The New South Wales Government believes that there is a great opportunity to consolidate racing in this State, because racing provides, as has been variously reported, jobs for up to 50,000 people. Obviously, they are jobs not just in Sydney but across the whole of the State. It is important, therefore, that we have a robust racing industry to support those 50,000 employees and the industry as a whole. And certainly we need to make sure that racing in our provincial centres—Gosford, Wyong, Hawkesbury, Kembla Grange and Newcastle—also remains strong, and that that then has a flow-on to country racing.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Has the merger been voted on yet?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** No. I understand that the Australian Jockey Club and Sydney Turf Club have called meetings for early October.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Minister, what is the rationale behind banning multi-terminal gaming machines in New South Wales, except for in clubs?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Multi-terminal gaming machines involve, as indicated, obviously, multiple terminals, usually with regard to games such as virtual roulette and the like. You need to have large establishments and also recognise that hotels, for instance, can only have a maximum of 30 machines. Also, in New South Wales we have provided a limit on the number of multi-terminal gaming machines that are available in clubs, so that they can have only 15 per cent of their establishment with multi-terminal gaming machines.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** You have described the situation, and I thank you for that. But you have not described the rationale behind the limit on the number of multi-terminal gaming machines?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** As I said, they are virtual reality games in many ways and the determination is that they are not appropriate for establishments other than clubs, and casinos of course.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Again, Minister, with due respect, you have told me what the determination is but you have not told me what the rationale behind that determination might have been. Why was it not appropriate to allow a club, for example, if it so chose, to have all its gaming machines as multi-terminal machines?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** As I said, a determination was taken that it was inappropriate because we do not want to be portraying clubs as anything other than what they are—that is, clubs. Many of these multi-terminal gaming machines are for casino-related games.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Have you had any communication with the Australian Hotels Association, or with any large or small hoteliers, about changing the situation with respect to multi-terminal gaming machines?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Yes.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** You have?



**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** They have made representations when the decision has been made that it would not be accepted.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Can you describe what those representations were? Did they meet with you, or did they meet with someone in your office, or did they meet with someone from your department?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I cannot speak with regard to the department, but certainly they have raised the issue with me. One would appreciate that I have regular meetings with the Australian Hotels Association as part of the ongoing liaison, just as I have regular meetings with Clubs NSW and Racing NSW.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** I am not implying that there is anything wrong with that. Was it the Australian Hotels Association that met with you to—?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** The Australian Hotels Association had raised that matter, yes.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Can you tell us when the association last raised that matter with you?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I cannot think of it being raised certainly in the past six months, probably the past 12 months.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Could you take that question on notice? You have a diary; you probably would have—

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Yes, but, again I can tell you it was certainly not within the past six months. We probably had a monthly meeting with them.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** At that meeting, or at another time, did the association present you with a document prosecuting the case for a lifting of the ban?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** They have made presentations of some documentation, but we have not accepted it.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Would you be prepared to make that documentation public?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I do not even know where it is now. I usually do not provide copies of confidential documentation when someone presents me with something.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** It was presented to you as a confidential document?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I do not know. It may well have been. What I am saying is that if I have a meeting with you tomorrow, I will not be telling the world about it on Sunday.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Will you outline for us what their case was or what argument they put up, given what I think was your rationale for not having multi-terminal gaming machines in hotels?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Ultimately their argument is that they believe they would be very successful in their establishments and feel they would like to have the same opportunity as provided in clubs. The Government's argument is that they should not. That is the nuts and bolts of it.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** You are giving us a commitment here that you will not seek to lift that ban on hotels having access to multi-terminal gaming machines?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** There is no proposal at this stage.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** There is no proposal?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** No.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** There is a proposal from the Australian Hotels Association but there is no proposal from you?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** There is no proposal from the Government that is exactly right.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Can I now return to part of a discussion you had with Mr Harwin in respect of the merger of the Sydney Turf Club and the Australian Jockey Club?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Which club are you a member of?

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** You will be pleased to know that I am not a member of either.

**The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ:** That will come as a shock to people.

**The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ:** It might be to you, not to me.

**CHAIR:** Move on with your questioning, Dr Kaye.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Do you know where the discussions between the Australian Jockey Club and the Sydney Turf Club are up to? Have they advanced to the point where we are close to signing an agreement?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** As was raised in the question by Mr Harwin about the meetings of members, my advice is that the Sydney Turf Club as an entity will be meeting and the Australian Jockey Club as an entity will be meeting and those meetings will occur—my advice at this stage is—in early October.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** I understand that there was a deadline of November for work to begin on the new facilities. Is that correct?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Not that I am aware of.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Was there any deadline for work to begin on the new facilities?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** No. There is no work on any facilities until agreement is reached.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** And there is no deadline on that to occur because you are stumping up a substantial amount of loan capital upfront? When I say "you" I should say the people of New South Wales, through your good offices, are stumping up a substantial amount of loan capital—my recollection is \$130 million?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** That is not correct, nor is your recollection—it is actually \$150 million.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** \$150 million?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Yes.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** And also the funding using the Trackside simulated game?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** That is right.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** We have signed an open-ended agreement on that. There was no drop-dead date on that agreement? The Sydney Turf Club and the Australian Jockey Club could continue to negotiate for as long as they liked and that your offer was still on the table?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Obviously they have to have a meeting and there obviously needs to be legislative change if they agree to the merger. Legislative change would need to take place before a merged entity could be formed. The discussions with the Australian Jockey Club and the Sydney Turf Club have been around their members meeting, to gauge their support for the proposals that their boards have agreed to.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** So the offer you made in July of this year to the Australian Jockey Club and the Sydney Turf Club to fund the merger and provide both loan capital—

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Provide revenue, yes.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** That offer you made had no date at which it had to be concluded?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** There was recognition that they would need to have meetings to get their membership support and those meetings would need to take place before the legislative program could be undertaken. That legislative program obviously has to be in this period. In other words—

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Was that in the letter of offer?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** In the discussion.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** It was in the discussion?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Certainly.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** That it had to be in this legislative period. So there has to be an agreement in time—the upper House will probably rise at the end of November—in time to get legislation. Has your office given instructions for the drafting of legislation?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** We are looking at drafting legislation, yes.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** So there is effectively a drop-dead date on this because what you are saying is—

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** If their members say they are not interested in a merger that is the drop-dead date. There have been numerous discussions undertaken with the Australian Jockey Club and the Sydney Turf Club and Racing NSW and that obviously involves agreement that they wanted to take back to their members. Various dates were suggested. They hope to have those meetings in either late September or early October. I understand from the previous answers that I have given, but I will reaffirm, that those meetings will take place in early October.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Going to the issue of Trackside, referred to in your media release as a simulated racing game in TAB venues, my understanding of Trackside is that, mathematically speaking, it is a random number generator that determines an outcome of a race and then there is a front end on it that makes it look as if it is a race. Is that correct?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** For the sake of discussion we will leave your explanation as being reasonable. Yes, go on.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** I have run out of time. I will have to come back to that.

**The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ:** The Government does not have any questions at this time, but reserves the right to ask questions at a later stage.

**CHAIR:** Thank you. I have just been advised that was only 10 minutes for the crossbenchers.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Dr Kaye, do you want to finish your question? Would you like me to give a detailed description to clarify what you are saying?

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** No, I do not. I want to go somewhere else for a minute. I would appreciate that on notice.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I am more than happy to give it so as to clarify this, particularly if others have questions.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** I want to ask you about the reclassification of Trackside. As I understand it, it was originally considered a game but it is now considered a wager, is that correct? Sometime in July New South Wales reclassified Trackside from a game to being a wager, is that correct?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Currently in New South Wales Trackside is registered as a gaming product. In Victoria it is registered as a wagering product. It has existed in Victoria for something like 10 years and has proven to be very successful in the support of racing in Victoria. Going back to my answer to Mr Harwin earlier, the Government is very conscious of supporting the 50,000 or so reported people who work in the racing industry. There is also a recognition that New South Wales and Victoria, while both States of this one great Federation, also have some competition, and there was a feeling that by reclassifying it as a wagering product, as it is in Victoria, that would assist the New South Wales racing industry.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Let me ask you about the practical implications of reclassifying it as a wagering product rather than a gaming product. First, can you address the issue of public revenue raised—

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** As a new product?

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** As a new product compared with how it was as an old product.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Basically as a gaming product it has been in very few venues, very, very few venues, so it was raising very little revenue for New South Wales. In fact, it is my understanding that if you were trying to find a Trackside game in New South Wales at the moment—my advice would be—it would not be anywhere, so the revenue is therefore nil.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** But by reclassifying it you can put it into TABs?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** By reclassifying it as a wagering product, which, as I say, in Victoria it has always been considered a wagering product, and the recommendation of the Cameron review was to undertake that reclassification to bring it in line with Victoria.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** So you are expecting to collect how much public revenue from that?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** That will depend, of course, on how successful the game proves. If it proves as successful as it is in Victoria the revenue will go, as has been clearly articulated in that press release of July, to support the loan.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** You have referred to the press release of July, which talks about \$12 million per year after three years, so presumably by 2013.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** That is on the figures, yes. That is not \$12 million of revenue that we have got in the State. I am not sure what detail you are aware of in terms of how the wagering revenues are distributed, but I will very quickly just say that the New South Wales Government at the moment receives about \$150 million in wagering revenues. That has been stated for a number of reasons. That is an income that does come to the State. Also, as part of the agreements with the racing industry, from TAB distribution through the racing distribution agreement, et cetera, there is also money that goes to the racing industry, whether it be thoroughbreds, harness or greyhound.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** So you hypothecate money back. I understand that.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** No, we do not hypothecate money back. They actually get a set percentage, as does the New South Wales Government.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** So it is going to raise about \$12 million for either the industry or the Government.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** In total, yes, that money will be used to fund a loan.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** The total is \$12 million, however it is distributed. In fact, the agreement I think—

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** It is about \$12.5 million.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** The agreement I think you have reached is that all that \$12 million will go to the merged entity, is that correct?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** No, the funding will go to Racing NSW to fund the loan.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** For \$12 million, how much money has to go through the Trackside machines to make \$12 million?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I think it is \$227 million to \$230 million, which produces revenue of \$40-odd million.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** I am confused now, is it \$230 million or \$40 million?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** We have got to remember that \$227 million is the turnover and there are winnings and there are losings.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Who does the \$40 million go to?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** That revenue gets split up amongst all sorts of areas. In other words, there is a licence fee, there is an operator's fee, there are percentages to the collectors. I think it is a 3 per cent fee, or whatever it is.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** So for those using Trackside, it is an instant grab for money, you put your money on, you push the button, the race runs very quickly, you get the outcome?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** To race, yes. It is up to 12 starters, I think.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** How long does it take for the race to run?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I have not got the specific time of each race, but it probably takes anywhere from 30 seconds to a minute.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** And how many races will be run between real horse races?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I do not have that exact figure in front of me.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Is there likely to be a large number of Trackside races run between? Is there any regulatory limit on the number of races?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** We follow exactly the same principles as Victoria. I am not sure if you have seen the game in Victoria.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** No, I have not. What are the principles in Victoria?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** As I say, they would be a certain amount. I have not got the exact number in front of me.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Can you get back to us on notice about the exact number?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Sure.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Can I now go to another issue. Can we now move to gaming machines. You would no doubt be aware that the new Federal Government is under considerable pressure from those politicians who keep it in power to make major moves on the issue of clubs and pubs gaming machines. You are aware of the situation. One of the big issues is the pre-commitment, of smart card gambling, to limit the amount of losses. Have you had any meetings with either representatives of pubs or clubs talking to you about how you ought to respond to that?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Pre-commitment has been on the agenda for a while. It has been on the agenda for a number of years. It was raised in some detail at the 2009 Ministers conference on gaming, which from memory was in Brisbane. There was a commitment to undertake further research into the use and, indeed, potential of pre-commitment devices with, from memory, a timetable set for the potential use of pre-commitment technology.

You would be aware that there are a couple of proposed pre-commitment technologies in the market place and the use and potential success of those was to be evaluated. I understand that that evaluation is still taking place at a Federal level. I also should advise that prior to the Federal election there was a commitment of the Federal Australian Labor Party to put together a Council of Australian Governments committee to look at gaming. New South Wales indicated it was prepared to participate. That followed on the Productivity Commission's report, which looked at the whole picture, not just pre-commitment of course.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Have you had any representation to you or your office from either representatives of clubs or pubs in respect to how pre-commitment is implemented?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** There have been ongoing discussions with regard to that. If you are referring to the last two weeks, no. However, there have been discussions about the general pre-commitment technology over a reasonable period of time.

**CHAIR:** That concludes the first 20 minutes. Now I go back to asking the Government members if they would like to start their first 20 minute slot.

**The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ:** The Government has no questions at this time, but it reserves the right to ask questions at a later stage.

**CHAIR:** I will now go back to the Opposition for their 10 minutes and then the cross bench will have another 10 minutes.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Minister, I will return to the issue of Trackside. You had some considerable discussion with my colleague about the issue of Trackside and whether it is capable of producing a turnover sufficient to produce the Government's take of the gross profit to repay the principal. That was essentially the item that you were talking about and there was some argy bargy. I am just going to ask you a direct question: Are you satisfied that Trackside is capable of producing the turnover sufficient to drive that take for the Government of the gross profits that will repay the principal of \$150 million over 22 years?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** That will depend on the commercial undertakings of Racing NSW. However, it will also depend on those figures and ongoing—

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** It is a fairly substantial amount that is going to have to be produced, is it not?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Sure.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** It would be \$7 million at least, I presume, of principal on average a year, if you roughly average it out.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Yes.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** And then interest I presume is being paid?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I do not think many banks will give you a loan without it.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Exactly, so on \$150 million that would be fairly substantial. We are going to be looking at a figure of almost \$20 million a year, are we not?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** No, it depends on the interest rate that you obtain the money at and also the period. I am not going to go into commercial loan discussions because I am not the Treasurer, but can I say that there are ongoing discussions, I understand, between Racing NSW and some of those commercial entities with regard to the loan.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Is the loan going to be at a market rate or is it going to be at a concessional rate?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I suppose Racing NSW is hoping it is a concessional rate, but I am sure it will be at a market rate.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Minister, we are right—it is a 22-year period, is it not? That is what was announced in relation to the term.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Yes, that was announced. That would roughly be the figure, yes.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** So it is going to be up around that and you are satisfied that Trackside is generating enough?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** What I can say is that it has been shown that in Victoria there has been growth in the Trackside product, there is no doubt about that. Victoria has—I am just going from memory here—570 distribution outlets. If all the potential distribution outlets took up Trackside then it is potentially over 1,700 because the TAB's outlets in New South Wales are a lot larger.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Who is to guarantee the repayment of the \$150 million loan and interest? Is it the taxpayers, is it Racing NSW or—

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Can I just clarify this? I appreciate it is difficult for you because you are getting third-hand advice. The simple fact of the matter is Racing NSW will take out a loan of up to \$150 million. That will be paid from the revenue generated by the product Trackside. As part of those revenues, there is the Government's taxation potential revenue, there is the racing industry potential revenue and there is also a fee that is being charged on revenue on top of that. That will come to anywhere from \$12 million up, depending on the success of the product. As I say, it is inappropriate for me to go into any further discussions that Racing NSW may be having in and around that loan, because that is their commercial business.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Obviously, if there is a commercial loan there has to be some form of guarantee in terms of the repayment of the loan.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Yes.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Does that mean that taxpayers are standing behind Racing NSW?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** The New South Wales Government stands behind Racing NSW.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** And the taxpayer stands behind the New South Wales Government.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** But in this instance Racing NSW is taking out a loan and it is in discussions around how that load is to be determined.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Is there a possibility then that either the Australian Jockey Club or the Sydney Turf Club will have to stand behind it?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** It has been stated categorically that the assets of the Australian Jockey Club and the Sydney Turf Club are not required as a guarantee for this loan, but revenues from the product are.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Then is Tabcorp, as the owner of Trackside, going to have to guarantee it?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** As I said, there are ongoing discussions with regard to the revenues that are coming from this product and the loan, and that will not impact on the Australian Jockey Club or the Sydney Turf Club. The funding is provided to the new entity—it will not be provided to the Australian Jockey Club or the Sydney Turf Club.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Has the matter been settled yet?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** As we have clearly indicated, the Australian Jockey Club and the Sydney Turf Club are still having their meetings.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Do you have an expectation as to when it would be finalised? Will it be finalised before we see the legislation or afterwards?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Which part? The loan?

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Yes.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** That will be put together and that should be about concurrent, yes.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** So we will know when we are voting on the legislation?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Most definitely. A very transparent and open government provides all the details and information that it can.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Minister, do you think we will be able to get it done before Christmas in terms of the legislation?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I hope so. With your support and the support of Dr John Kaye I am sure we will have no trouble in meeting the time line. Dr Kaye is already laughing at the thought of supporting this.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Essentially, in terms of it being put to the members in early October, we will effectively have only four to five sitting weeks to deal with the issue.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I am happy to go over old ground but I think I have been through that.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Do you believe Trackside might draw turnover away from the TAB's totalisator products and thereby effectively reduce revenue to the whole racing industry to support just this one loan to the Australian Jockey Club and the Sydney Turf Club?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** That question has been dealt with on a number of occasions—not here but elsewhere. I referred earlier to the Cameron review, which was undertaken during 2008 and responded to by the Government last year. Alan Cameron was of the belief that Trackside would be of benefit to the racing industry and was a product that should be seriously considered and be designated as a wagering product because of that. He also therefore believed that it would be a benefit to the industry, not, as that question alludes, that it would be a detriment to the industry. Racing NSW is very conscious of its responsibilities in looking after all of racing in this State and is very conscious of any new products.

I could go into some detail but I will not. I do not think that you would necessarily be aware of this but various new products that have been brought into the marketplace only after acceptance by Racing NSW, because, to be truthful, I could legislate today to have something for the first five or something in a race, but if Racing NSW did not agree it would not occur—and similarly with Trackside. So they have to agree, and they are very protective of their revenues, particularly protective of the way they get their money to the sporting industry.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** I just have one last question to ask Ms Mills on a different matter. It goes to the Responsible Gaming Fund. Given media speculation earlier this year that the Responsible Gaming Fund might be abolished or its functions taken over by another body, could you please confirm whether either of those actions was considered by Communities NSW or whether either is being considered now?

**Ms MILLS:** No, they were not being considered. There was a misrepresentation of a piece of work being done within the department. I am a member of that trust and, as were other members, I was concerned about the timeliness and quality of briefings coming to us and the stress on staff within the department to deliver quality services. The review that I co-commissioned was to look at better ways to support the trust. It was about internal administrative arrangements; it was not about purpose or the will of the trust itself.

**CHAIR:** That concludes Opposition questions. We will now have 10 minutes of cross-bench questions.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Minister, can I go to the issue of alcohol-related violence and, in particular, the data collected by the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing in respect of the amount of violence and the number of assaults in each licensed premises? I understand that you do not release the raw data, is that correct?

**Ms MILLS:** If I could answer that on behalf of the Minister? If you are speaking about the data that we use for the purpose of schedule 4, that data comes to us from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research and it,



in turn, comes from a police database—it is not internally generated. We cleanse that data to ensure that it is accurate in terms of the way it represents the venues. Sometimes police refer to a venue by an informal name and therefore you can get counting errors if you do not pick up all of the names. We do that and then we release preliminary information to venues that are above a certain quota as part of the commencement of the process for schedule 4 each six months.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Then what happens? You stopped suddenly.

**Ms MILLS:** I am certainly happy to describe the process in detail.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Let me try. You then negotiate with the venues and then they amend the data as released, is that correct?

**Ms MILLS:** No. What happens is we receive information from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, we verify that all of the items are attached, we then provide preliminary advice to a venue that on the basis of the early figures we have received they have X number of incidents attributed to their location over the preceding 12 months. The venues are also given the event numbers that pertain to that item—assault, for example. They are then able to meet with the local area command to discuss whether all of those items relating to the venue, first, relate to the venue specifically and, secondly, are attributable to alcohol.

There is then a negotiation at the local level between the police and the venue as to whether all of those items should in fact relate to schedule 4, which is specifically about alcohol-related assaults that are a designated responsibility of the venue. I then receive from the police recommendations about the number of incidents that should be counted.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Is this negotiation carried out between the police and the venue?

**Ms MILLS:** That is correct.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** And the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing is not represented at those negotiations?

**Ms MILLS:** That is correct. The information is then provided to me by the Alcohol Licensing Enforcement Command. If a venue, having had a discussion with the local area police, believes there were incidents that should also have been removed but were not agreed to at the time, it can write to me. That is, if a venue is dissatisfied with the outcome of its negotiations with the police, it can provide additional information to me if there are specific incidents it wishes to have reconsidered. They tend to be small in number. I then take information from the police and the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing in terms of the overall performance of that organisation over the past 12 months and any submissions from the venue before I then provide my advice to the Government about the final figure that should be attributed to that venue.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Is that final figure the figure, for example, released by the Minister in his media release on 28 May 2010?

**Ms MILLS:** I do not have the data in front of me, but I assume it is; that is the correct timing.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Therefore, the list that goes into the public domain is doubly cleansed. It is first cleansed in a negotiation between the police and the venue, and then in a negotiation between you and the venue.

**Ms MILLS:** There is no direct negotiation; it is a written submission from the venue if there is an incident.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** And you make a final determination on that?

**Ms MILLS:** I provide advice to the Government, which makes the final determination.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Does the Minister make the final determination?

**Ms MILLS:** A Cabinet subcommittee reviews the advice and makes a determination.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Who is on the Cabinet subcommittee?

**Ms MILLS:** It comprises a significant number of Ministers. It is chaired by the Deputy Premier.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** As Minister for Health?

**Ms MILLS:** No, as Deputy Premier. Health would also be represented because of her particular interest.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Is Mr Greene also a member?

**Ms MILLS:** Yes, and the Minister for Police.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Is Treasury represented on the committee?

**Ms MILLS:** No, I do not believe so. I would like to clarify my answer about the cleansing of the data. The data that we use refers only to alcohol-related assaults that we can attribute to venues. It is a necessary step in the process to determine whether alcohol was involved and whether the venue might be held accountable.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** In the interests of the transparency of this process, which has significant implications not only for the venue involved but also for surrounding communities, will you release both the list that comes to you from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research and the list from the Alcohol Licensing Enforcement Command?

**Ms MILLS:** No. The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research makes its own determination about what it will release. It believes that the data it provides to me was collected for another purpose and therefore will inevitably have different information than that which we use in the final determination. Because the advice that I provide to Government becomes part of a Cabinet submission, it is Cabinet in confidence.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** This is a highly controversial issue. The Government for which you work and which Mr Greene represents is moving pubs between level one and level two and off the list entirely based on data that has been determined—

**The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ:** Point of order: Ms Mills has already informed the honourable member that the data is Cabinet in confidence. Once she has informed him of that, he cannot keep asking questions about it.

**CHAIR:** I think the question involved a number of aspects, not only that information. I believe Ms Mills is more than capable of indicating what part of the data is Cabinet in confidence and what is not.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Can I finish my question and then you can—

**CHAIR:** I have made my ruling. Please reword the question.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Are you aware that communities would be very disturbed about the fact that they are not getting access to the raw data and that the data in the public domain has been heavily filtered by you and that committee?

**The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ:** Point of order: The question calls for an opinion from Ms Mills.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** To the point of order: No, I asked whether she was aware of something.

**The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ:** Further to the point of order: No, you asked whether she thought the community would be concerned.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I think it is fair to say that there has been considerable criticism of the Government because of the strong stance it has taken, particularly over the past two years, to reduce alcohol-fuelled violence in the community. There is no doubt that some in the community have attacked the Government because of the diligent way in which it has gone about reducing alcohol-fuelled violence. We have seen the

results: There has been a 10 per cent minimum reduction in the number of alcohol-fuelled assaults in our community. The Government does not step back from that. It has clearly shown its determination, even though a court case was launched to try to stop it going down that path. We have been very successful in reducing alcohol-fuelled violence.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Are you saying that you will not release the raw data?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** That is correct.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** I refer to my previous round of questions about gaming machine betting pre-commitments. The big issue is whether it should be voluntary or mandatory. Have you been subjected to any lobbying about whether it should be voluntary or mandatory?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** As I said, there has been ongoing discussion about pre-commitment and all aspects of it, particularly at the national level area most recently with regard to the Productivity Commission. Prior to that there was discussion with regard to the National Council on Gaming and proposals to institute a Council of Australian Governments committee, which will include representatives from each State. All those issues have been and will be raised.

**CHAIR:** That concludes the examination of the Gaming and Racing portfolio. I thank the Minister and Ms Mills. We will now examine the Major Events portfolio and then the Sport and Recreation portfolio. The Government, the Opposition and the Independents will each have 20 minutes in which to ask questions.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** "Opposition" is a sad term. It suggests an adversarial or competitive environment.

**CHAIR:** We should wait for the question.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** In March 2010 the Premier announced a major overhaul of Events New South Wales in a significant press release that mentioned a number of initiatives, including a "high-level whole-of-government Cabinet committee comprised of a number of Ministers". Why has the Premier's much-touted Cabinet committee met only once?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** It is meeting, that is right. As you will appreciate, I became Minister in June this year. As a result of that we have had one meeting. The intent is to have meetings probably quarterly or whatever, but I have also been in constant liaison with members of the committee, particularly those involved in specific and individual major events. As an example, if there is an arts function, obviously I had discussions with the arts Minister; similarly tourism, et cetera.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** That committee supported Minister Macdonald while he was the major events Minister, did it not, as well?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** That was the intent, yes.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Would you be able to tell me how many times that Cabinet committee met under Minister Macdonald?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** The opportunity did not present itself, because, as I said, Minister Macdonald passed the baton to me.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Having met just once in all of that time, since March 2010—

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Having met formerly just once, yes, that is right.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** —do you think it should be abolished?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Not at all.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Do you think that is an adequate schedule of meetings?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** As I said, the intention is to meet quarterly. It has met once within the quarter and it will meet again within the next quarter. If there need for any additional meetings, that will occur. In that time, the Premier and I have also met with Events New South Wales, being the company that is in charge of procuring, managing, organising and participating within our events program.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Obviously, Events New South Wales is the key agency in the Major Events portfolio—

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Obviously a very successful one.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Well, I wonder how much it talks about its success. Does Events New South Wales publicly release an annual report?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** No, Events New South Wales releases an annual report to the Government. I should make it known that Events New South Wales is a company wholly owned by the New South Wales Government. Therefore, there is a corporate responsibility for it to provide—I am not a lawyer, but my understanding is it has to provide—a report to shareholders.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** It is not listed on Events New South Wales website at all, is it?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Not that I am aware. No. As I say, this goes to the Government.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** And it is not recorded on the Australian Securities and Investment Commission website either, is it?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Would you like to be specific?

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** I am coming to the issue of accountability. This is obviously a significant agency within your portfolio—actually the agency within your portfolio.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** And very successful.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** How would we know? How would anyone who was googling Events New South Wales and went to your website and wanted to see how successful you were, how would they know, when no annual report is put on your website? Indeed, if you do have to provide one to your shareholders, what are you embarrassed about? Why would you not put it on your website?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Nothing to be embarrassed about. You must realise, of course, that Events New South Wales undertakes commercial negotiations to provide major events for the State of New South Wales. On its website it also has detailed outlines of how various organisations, promoters, entrepreneurs—whatever you wish to call them—can complete detail and participate and have the support of Events New South Wales. One of the things that is clearly evident—and I have a short list here but there is a whole stack of events on the Events New South Wales calendar of last year—there were something like 80 different events. The highlights just this year, we had the opening round of the Triathlon World Series. You will remember spectacular pictures beamed across the world of triathletes running and cycling up Macquarie Street from the Opera House, having already swum in our beautiful harbour.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** I am sure the images beamed across the world were spectacular but even the humblest agency within your portfolio, nevertheless, has to provide in its annual report a performance summary, a financial overview and audited financial statements, and I am wondering why should Events New South Wales be exempt from that? Why is that adequate accountability, just having a report given to the Government? Why are things like the performance summary and the audited financial statements not made available?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** As I said, the report is provided to the Premier and that is—

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** But not to the public.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** As I say, if you want me to go through some of the—

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** No, I do not. I want you to answer the question why is Events New South Wales so special? Why will it not do it—

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** It is special because we are very happy with its performance in the events it provided.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** And will you table it, Minister?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** The answer to that is obviously no. What I can say is that the New South Wales Government is very happy with the performance of Events New South Wales, the successes it has had.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Indeed, Minister, you have said that. Give me a reason why you will not table it? Why will you not table it?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I have answered that question.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** I do not think you have. Why will you not table it?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** As I said, it is not necessary to table it because the report goes to the shareholder, being the Premier on behalf of the Government.

**CHAIR:** Minister, would you agree with me that ultimately the taxpayers of this State are the persons who primarily benefit and primarily meet the costs? Notwithstanding that the report goes to the Premier, who looks at it and no-one else is to see it, surely the taxpayers are entitled to see what these great benefits are and, indeed, what the possible losses are?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** As I have indicated, and it is clearly shown in the budget papers, something like \$40 million is set aside for Events New South Wales for the work it undertakes on behalf of the Government. Its successes are clearly evident in the events that are provided and produced, and that has been stated.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** I am astounded by the answer but we will move to another matter rather than taking up all our time with that. One of your first actions was to cancel Minister Macdonald's planned New Year's Eve concert. Can you please give reasons why you cancelled the event?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** New Year's Eve is a spectacular event that takes place every year on Sydney Harbour.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** No, Minister. Stop being disingenuous. Why did you cancel Minister Macdonald's New Year's Eve concert at White Bay? You know what I mean.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** You should be more specific. Early this year the former Minister for Major Events had preliminary discussions with a concert promoter Mr Andy McManus of Andrew McManus Presents Pty Ltd regarding his proposal to organise a concert at White Bay featuring the artist Sting. No government funds were committed for this event and the former Minister made it clear in his correspondence with the event proponents that an event of this scale would require the execution of a deed of agreement between the Government and the promoters and that the promoters would need to meet all necessary regulatory approvals, including development consent. No formal submission has yet been lodged with Events New South Wales. Therefore, the future of this event is a matter for the promoter.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Have any funds being spent by Events New South Wales on the proposal in any manner?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** No funds have been committed for the event, as I clearly indicated. There was a proposal—let us cut to the chase here—to put the event at White Bay. As I was referring to before, over a million people attend in various aspects the New Year's Eve celebrations on our magnificent harbour. This is a world-recognised event. Not only does it draw enormous support from the people of New South Wales and, indeed, Australia, who come and participate, it also is very well run, very well administered by all the agencies, particularly police and transport, who move all those people in and out.

It would have been extremely difficult, in fact virtually impossible to move large numbers of people into the proposed area of White Bay. As I understand, there is basically only one way in and one way out. The promoter's proposal was for something like 40,000 people and I am not sure it would have received any of the consents necessary from the various local government agencies.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Mr McManus has obviously incurred an amount of money on the venture as an entrepreneur would. Has there been any out-of-court settlement reached in relation to that matter?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** There have been no discussions about any. There is no need for any settlement.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** That is fine. I just wanted to confirm for the record that there has been no out-of-court settlement on the issue.

**CHAIR:** I am not going to go over again the fact that you do not want to produce the report and I am happy for you to take this on notice. Are you prepared to at least provide the Committee with a list of each and every event in the last 12 months?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Absolutely.

**CHAIR:** The amount paid for each event and the total budget that was paid—

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** No.

**CHAIR:** And how much went into administration and overheads?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** No.

**CHAIR:** Would you give me a reason why not.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** As I said, I am quite happy to give you a detailed list of all the events. Many of those events involved agreements that are commercial in confidence. You know better than I, John, because of your background that no organisation is going to breach those sorts of arrangements and retain its credibility. Now while it might be political fun for people to play around that area, the reality is that no government and certainly no highly regarded government such as ours, is going to put itself in that sort of position. I am happy to provide you with a list of the events. You have seen the budget papers and what the outlays towards major events are, and we are happy to again provide that detail. Let us just get to the bottom line here—

**CHAIR:** Can I ask you this sincere question—and I can assure you that I am not playing games—how does the taxpayer and we as a Committee ascertain that a certain event for which responsible was a huge success, if I can use that terminology, for different and varying reasons and one that should be repeated and encouraged and how do I know that something was a complete flop for many reasons that was being continued when it should not, if I cannot access the relevant papers that give me this information? That is my dilemma personally.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Sure. I can give you that detail because whether it is Vivid with the over 300,000 people participating in the event or Crave through Breakfast on the bridge or the noodle markets in Hyde Park, you can see that obviously. But I can comprehensively tell you that for every \$1 million invested by Events NSW, on average there is a return of in excess of \$5.8 million. I can categorically state that.

**CHAIR:** I look forward to that answer on notice.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I am giving it now.

**CHAIR:** I meant for each event.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** The other thing that I can tell you is this: I am not sure whether you have seen this, but one of the things you will be able to do tomorrow is go out and proudly advise your constituency that earlier today Sydney was awarded the international award for the world's best festival and events city. That is something that you can be proud of. There is no doubt that a major part of that has been the success of our world

listed events calendar—the functions that this Government, through Events NSW, has put on. We have those key events, starting on New Year's Eve, without Sting, and going right through; a great list of events.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Minister, I imagine you are as excited as I am about St George Illawarra's performance this season?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Let us hope it continues.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Indeed. So is the Chair. Are you concerned that other than Australia versus Papua and New Guinea, no major rugby league test match will occur in New South Wales this year, none at all in rugby league heartland?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** That is a decision undertaken by the Australian Rugby League. There is no doubt the Australian Rugby League is looking to broaden their horizons and promote rugby league across a greater market, and that is understandable. There is also no doubt that the peak rugby league event of this year will be held on 3 October at Homebush, being the grand final. Tempted as I am, I will not make the obvious comment because I might Jonah myself.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Do you believe a rugby league test is a major event and something worth getting for New South Wales?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** There are various events but organisations make decisions on criteria. You need to recognise that each sport needs to promote itself across various markets. That underpins their decisions. In the case of the rugby league, they are obviously looking to broaden their market. Particularly in light of things that have happened recently in Mexico, or should I say our other southern neighbour, they want to promote the game in Melbourne, and that is understandable, as they also need to retain their market in Brisbane. That is fair and reasonable. We have the pinnacle event and organisations make their own decisions for a great variety of reasons.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Are you concerned that New South Wales lost its bid to attract Tiger Woods even though New South Wales' bid was considerably higher because, as Tiger Woods alluded, Victoria is geared up for major events and offers a whole-of-government approach to ensure its success?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I can go into great detail. I was not Major Events Minister at the time, but the simple fact of the matter—and I have to be a bit sensitive to Tiger Woods here—is that the event that he came out for was the Masters, which was held in early November. The event that is being held in Sydney and will continue to be held in Sydney is the Australian Open, which is being held in early December. As it turned out, everybody became very well aware of the fact that on that weekend when the Australian Open was on, Tiger Woods could not have been in Sydney. As it turned out he had other issues, but he was supposed to have been hosting—you may remember this as there was considerable notoriety in the press about this—his own event that weekend. As it turned out it was physically impossible for him to play in that event; there was no way he could play, and that is the bottom line.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Now that you have been appointed to Major Events, do you have any concern about the fragmentation of the portfolio. By that I am referring to the fact that the Crave Festival and the Vivid Festival are looked after by Minister McKay and the V8 Supercar is under the auspices of Minister Roozendaal. It seems that Minister McKay was also taking all the running on the Oprah Winfrey visit. Shouldn't all these things be within your portfolio?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Not at all. One of the things about good government is the fact that people take responsibility for various aspects. To be truthful, I am very happy for those Ministers and for their departments to be involved because what we are about is a whole-of-government approach. You cannot have a criticism in the previous question and then try to reverse in the next question.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Yes, I can.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I suppose you can do what you like but you cannot be legitimate.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Do you know both my parents?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** They are lovely people. The simple fact of the matter is that it is working extremely well. Putting aside the award, you only have to look at the results that are being achieved. It is fantastic that so many elements of government are involved in promoting our State to the broader and wider community, particularly on the international market.

*[Short adjournment]*

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Mr Chair, may I clarify a matter in respect of the last question you asked me. I should clarify that events such as Crave and the V8 Supercar races are all my ministerial responsibilities as well. But when there is a tourism aspect to an event—obviously, the Oprah one was with Tourism Australia—they are things that obviously we are happy for the Minister who is involved with the portfolio to have responsibility for. Similarly, obviously, for an arts function that is listed as a major event. I wanted to clarify that so there is no misunderstanding.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** I understand the Treasurer has a special relationship with the Repco Rally, is that correct?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Not that I am aware of. What sort of relationship?

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** A portfolio responsibility for the Repco Rally?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** No, that is now in my area. It used to be tied up with State and Regional Development.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** All of the Repco Rally is in your portfolio now?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Yes.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Earlier in answer to a question put by the Hon. Don Harwin you said that for every \$1 million invested there was a return of \$5.5 million.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** On average, yes.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** On average, across all the events in your portfolio?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Yes.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Is that \$1 million invested public money, or all money invested?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Public money invested.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Is that \$5.5 million returned to the public purse, or is it returned to the State's economy?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** That is in economic generation.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** For every \$1 million invested, on average there is a \$5.5 million increase—

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** \$5.8 million, I think I said.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** A \$5.8 million increase in the State's—?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** In economic generation.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** In the gross state product?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** In economic activity as a result of that investment—whether it is because of job creation or whether it is because of tourism spend, but certainly economic activity as a result of the investment. If Events New South Wales invests \$1 million in an activity, we would expect economic activity of at least \$5.8 million, on average.



**Dr JOHN KAYE:** How is that figure arrived at?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** That comes from a number of areas, whether it is job creation, as I said. For instance, it may be that an event creates ongoing employment for 20 people, or perhaps it is economic improvement in an area. If you refer to a specific event, I will give you an example. If you are referring to the Repco Rally, for instance, obviously the amount of money that is put into that community as a result of tourism, or additional people being there, is often worked out on a factor basis.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** They are estimates across a range of factors?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Sure.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** For each event in Events New South Wales, you estimate across a range of factors what is the increased activity in each of those areas.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Indeed.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Are they audited?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I have it here. Events New South Wales negotiates key performance indicators with event proponents once event submissions have been approved, to ensure that funding provided meets the strategic targets and objectives set by the board.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** If I had any idea what that meant I would comment on it. Surely, that is a totally irrelevant statement. That is about negotiating key performance indicators before you begin.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Obviously, you then evaluate against those key performance indicators.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** In your answer are you saying that the private sector partner is the entity that does the analysis?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** No. What I am saying is that the event proponent, in coming to Events New South Wales and sitting down and discussing with them a potential event, has to look at what benefits they believe that event will provide. There is, obviously, the discussion around key performance indicators and the business strategy, and then—

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** This is before the event?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** That is before the event. After the event, there is an assessment against that data that has been provided in the original agreement.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Do you do that assessment, or does the proponent do that assessment?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Events New South Wales gathers the material for that assessment.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Events New South Wales goes through the key performance indicators—or all those that are presumably relevant to economic activity—and makes an assessment of how many jobs were generated for how long, how many tourists came to the event, and so on, and then puts a dollar value to that and sums it all up.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I do not claim to be an accountant or an economist—but I was a pretty fair schoolteacher. The reality is that all those things are put in and they are given a factor. People do not sit down and go into every shop and say, "Over the period of this event, how many additional people came in compared with last year?" You obviously do research. It is a bit like gathering data from television ratings: you obviously do various extrapolations of the data that is gathered. Obviously that has to be assessed accurately. As I say, I do not claim to be an economist. But I think we all know that that data is collected for all sorts of events and functions.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** That \$5.8 million was averaged over how many events? How many major events does your portfolio manage?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** In the 2008-09 events calendar, in excess of 50.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** For each of those 50 events you get a number and then somehow or other you take a weighted average of that. You get a dollar figure of what you invested and a dollar figure of what the return was?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** What the benefit was, that is right.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Are you prepared to provide that information on a project-by-project basis?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I think I actually can give you—

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Are they part of a report somewhere?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** That is what I was looking for. There are 87 events confirmed for the 2010-11 Sydney and regional New South Wales major events calendar. Approximately 56 of those events are directly supported by Events NSW—that is the current calendar. This is an increase of 25 new events added to the program since 2008.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** That is not an answer to my question. Are you prepared to provide the data on a project-by-project basis—that is, our public investment in that project and the return to the gross State product, or the key performance indicator measures of that, to New South Wales?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I am prepared to give you the overall data.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** The total amount invested. That is not really what we are talking about. Somewhere there must have been a study done of each of those and you must hold data on your investment—that is, the public's investment—and the impact on the gross State Product?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** As I say, I can give you the general figures, which I have done there.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** But you will not give them to us on a project-by-project basis?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I am not going to give the specifics events.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Minister, why will you not do that?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** For starters there would be 50-something events that I would have to go through and provide—

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** I do not mean now. Will you provide it on notice?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** No.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Why will you not provide that data on notice?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I do not think I will have the opportunity to do that. I am very conscious of impinging on an individual entity—that is, a company—that provides a report to the Government. I can go into some detail—

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** I am sorry, Minister, but I am confused because a minute ago I asked you specifically, do you do this?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** No, sorry, Events NSW does it.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** By providing the data, the dollar figure that is done by Events NSW, how do you impinge on an individual entity?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** You want me to go back to each individual event. I cannot tell you, and I will not tell you, specifically in some cases specific investments because some of those investments may go into matters that are commercial-in-confidence.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** What, public investments? Public dollars?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** No—

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Sorry, Minister, I am really confused. All I want is for each event the public money that went into it and the impact on gross State product—that is all I want—as a table.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** We will see what we can provide you with. I am happy to do that.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** The question is will you provide that information?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I will provide you with as much detail as I can. I am happy to do that. But what I can say is—

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Minister, where you cannot provide that will you explain why you cannot provide it?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Certainly.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Minister, can we—

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I was just going to say that I think—this is again from memory—the figure was something like \$238 million as a result of events, I am pretty sure, for the 2008-09 calendar economic activity into the State.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** If I divide that by 5.8 I should get the total public investment?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I have already told you the total public investment—\$40 million.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Can we go to the Repco Rally for a minute?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Certainly.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Can you tell us what the total public investment in the Repco Rally was?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I can give you some details on the Repco Rally.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** I do not want some; I only want one, which is the total public investment.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Yes. The event showed that the Repco Rally delivered \$13.025 million in new money to New South Wales and generated \$16.9 million in total for the Northern Rivers region. Independent researcher, TNS Sport, highlighted the Repco Rally Australia event as producing 53 million international viewers on 264 channels and 862 individual broadcasts in 107 countries. Obviously, I cannot quantify an amount as a result of the benefits of having that huge international event. There was a report tabled in Parliament on 20 August with regard to that event, so if you look at that you will find plenty of detail.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** I am a bit confused. You are saying \$13.025 million was the—

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** New money to New South Wales and that generated \$16.9 million for the Northern Rivers region.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** So the \$16.9 million is the figure we should use for the total benefit to the State's economy?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** That is right.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Can you tell us now what the public investment in the Repco Rally was? How many public dollars went into that?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** No, I cannot because that is commercial in confidence.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** So we do not know whether the Repco Rally was a good performer or a bad performer compared with the others?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** We know it was a good performer because it generated \$16 million and we also know that it generated an overseas viewing audience of over 50 million people. In fact, I understand that of all world rally events held last year it was the second most watched in the world.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** I am pleased to hear that, Minister, but what I really want to know—

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** So were they.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** —was the return to the State's economy, as a multiple of the public investment, greater or smaller than 5.8?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** What I can say is that two weeks ago I had a meeting with Steve Cansdell, Thomas George and Geoff Provest, who are Opposition members in the far northern region of New South Wales. They brought with them representatives of Kyogle, Richmond Valley and Clarence Valley councils from memory. They were absolutely ecstatic about the economic benefit that was brought to their community.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** But, Minister, without knowing the amount of public money that went in we have no idea where the—

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** If you let me get to the second half, what I can say to you is that one of the points they did make was that one of the councils—and I am sure probably all three—had made an investment in that event. They believed that the investment that they made was successful—and this is where you have got to be careful when you talk about public money, and this is why I am loath to go into details about who has invested what, because at a level a council's investment is obviously public money—and they were absolutely raving about how successful that event was for their community. They believe that it provided an enormous economic stimulus in their townships.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** That is their belief, and that is probably a contested belief, but I guess what I was trying to get to was, from a hard, cold economic point of view, the amount of taxpayer dollars that goes into it compared with the return. But you are not prepared to give us those—

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** As I have said, on average it is 5.8.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Okay, we are back to there. Minister, let us move on for a minute. Let us go to another key issue that concerns people. I want to run the name of four plays past you: *Wicked*, *Jersey Boys*, *Fame* and *Avenue Q*. Are you aware that each one of those, and many others, as internationally significant plays premiered in Melbourne and not in Sydney? Are you aware of that?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I know *Jersey Boys* certainly did. I know *Wicked* did. What were the other two?

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** *Fame* and *Avenue Q*.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I will not disagree with you.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Do you recognise that there is now a pattern emerging in which world-class plays, large audience plays—

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Theatrical performances.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Theatrical performances.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I am not sure you would call *Wicked* a play.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** I should say theatrical performances are now premiering in Melbourne and not in Sydney?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Is that a question?

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Yes. Are you aware of that?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Obviously, those four, if you are telling me they all premiered in Melbourne, but I certainly know that *Jersey Boys* opens in the Theatre Royal tomorrow night.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** But it first opened in Melbourne.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Indeed, it did.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** So does your department look carefully—

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Yes.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** —at the consequences of something premiering in Melbourne and then coming to Sydney—what those consequences are?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I think it is fair to say that Events NSW are investigating opportunities to be involved in major theatrical presentations.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** I am glad to hear that, but that was not my question. Is your department aware of the consequences?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** We are aware that to attract—

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** No, that is before. What I am after is consequences.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Yes, that is why we are looking at—

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Can you describe what those consequences are for us? What are the consequences of a major theatrical performance premiering in Melbourne rather than Sydney?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** If it attracts people, that would be a benefit. I think it is worth noting that New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland in particular have a desire to attract major events into their cities, and indeed into their States. We are in a very competitive market. That competitive market provides great opportunity for promoters who wish to provide their events somewhere. That is why Events New South Wales is very strongly into that competitive market, to the point that only about a month ago my Victorian equivalent was criticising New South Wales because we were attracting too many major events and we were being too successful in attracting events.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** You took that to heart, did you?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** No, not at all. One of the things that we are looking to do is to involve ourselves more in those major theatrical performances, but it should be noted that 50 per cent of major performing arts events—and I will just confirm that with the Director General—50 per cent of performing arts events are actually held here in Sydney. So while you can take out one, two, or in your case four, over a period of years' events, if you look at the big picture, New South Wales is not only competitive, but extremely competitive, extremely aggressive, and indeed very successful, in attracting not just in the arts, but in this case in the arts, a lot of events, 50 per cent as I say. While you can pick one or two, and the comment was made before about the Four Nations Rugby League, generally New South Wales is leading the game and that is why Victoria is so critical of us.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Can I ask you about the prospective sequel of *Phantom of the Opera*? What are we

doing to make sure that comes here? We are having a lot of conferring here between the Minister and the Director General.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I am just taking advice on that. All those major productions are going to do at least two cities before they will even consider going anywhere, because if they do not, they are not going to get their return. New South Wales will look at any opportunity, as I say whether it is theatre, generally across the arts, in sport, or in any activity, if we believe there is a great benefit to the State. As I say, we are extremely successful and again I refer to the award that we received internationally today, and you have all indicated you will be promoting that for the next few days.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** The sequel to *Phantom of the Opera*, do you know what it is called?

**CHAIR:** Thank you. We will now move on to Government members.

**The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ:** The Government has no questions at this point in time but we reserve the right to ask questions later.

**CHAIR:** You cannot reserve the right because that now concludes the Major Event portfolio. We will now move on to Sport and Recreation. Minister, again, the Committee has previously decided that one hour has been allocated based on 20 minutes, 20 minutes, 20 minutes, and again we will commence with the Opposition member, the Hon. Don Harwin.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Minister, given that you have described the Combat Sports Authority in a *Sydney Morning Herald* article back in July 2010 as "an independent board of experts that includes a sports medical practitioner", can you tell us whether you consulted the authority on whether or not Paul Briggs was fit to fight before issuing your press release dated 2 June 2010 stating that Sydney had procured the event and saying, "Briggs retired in 2007. He is coming back for a final game"?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** No. It is not my responsibility to do that. That is the responsibility of the promoter of the fight.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Did your department contribute or spend any money on the fight whatsoever?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** The Department of Sport and Recreation?

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Yes, or any other—

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** We are talking sport and recreation here. The Department of Sport and Recreation made no contribution to that fight—

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Events New South Wales?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** We have moved off Events New South Wales. You should have asked that question in the last segment, but I will answer it anyway, because we are friends—St George, Illawarra and all that. They did not contribute either. The fight did not take place, in case you were not aware.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** I was well aware of that, Minister. I was just asking a question.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** It did not take place in New South Wales.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Indeed. It was a specific question actually about the expenditure. Minister, base funding to State sporting organisations for development programs is obviously a matter of very considerable public interest to sporting groups right around the State. It is the case, is it not, that base funding through that program has not increased at all in about 25 years?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** It has not increased in the last 12 months. I cannot go back—

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Can you provide information on what the increases were in that program in the financial years preceding that, say the term of the current Government, or even the current parliamentary

term? Let us start with that.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** There has been some fluctuation within the actual program. There are different size grants to different size organisations, as you would appreciate. The larger the organisation, the larger the grant, but they are capped at \$60,000. I will get back to you if that figure is wrong but I think that is pretty well right. Of course, individual sports can apply for specific programs. One needs to be very careful in trying to compare apples and oranges here, because sports look for grants, whether it is for disability programs that they may choose to have funded or as part of their overall sport or specific current identification programs. The list goes on. I will not go through them all.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Why is it that there has been no increase in the Sports Development Program in the last 12 months?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** No increase?

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** No increase in the size of the Sports Development Program.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Because there have also been increased opportunities for individual sports to get grants in other areas. So that base funding has not changed to the sports, but certainly we have maintained that, that is true. I hope you are not suggesting we should decrease it.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Certainly not. Would you agree that for small sporting organisations, the fact that there has been no expansion in the program, and therefore no increase in financial support, is placing a particular burden on them and increasing the burden that falls on the shoulders of volunteers?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** There is no doubt that the strength of sport in this State, indeed the sport in Australia, is the role of volunteers. As is well known, I am president of the number one cricket club in Sydney, which provides district cricket through the St George area, but I am obviously a volunteer, as are various others who support it, and that goes down in all sports and has always been the case. That is the strength of the sports, whether they are so-called major professional sports such as cricket, rugby league, AFL, rugby union or football or whether they are sports that are generally taken as amateur sports, such as table tennis, et cetera.

What is undeniable is that the Department of Sport and Recreation provides grants to those organisations for their ongoing work, but in addition to that, we also provide other support, such as, for some—particularly for the smaller sports—office space at Homebush.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Obviously we have gone to the question about the past 12 months, but I would be grateful if you would, and I understand you need to take this on notice, provide the Committee with details of how over the term of the current Government, since 1995, has base funding to State sporting organisations through the Sports Development Program increased?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I do not need to do that because you can easily ascertain that by just looking at the annual reports. But again, I caution that the Government, as well as those base grants, provides grants through participation programs, facilities programs, disability programs, athlete development programs, and those fundings have varied over the years. I again caution that when you are looking through those annual reports that you make sure you get as close as possible to comparing apples with apples and not apples with oranges, and it will vary for some of those organisations each year. For example, they might have a number of disabled athletes they are putting into various sports programs and are looking to undertake those types of programs with disabled athletes. They may have greater funding one year than the next when those disabled athletes may well have moved interstate or moved to another sport, as many of them do.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** The changes to the Sport and Athlete Development Program between \$1,000 and \$15,000 may reduce the total level of funding to some larger sporting organisations. Do you have any intention to provide any new funding so that the larger projects can still be pursued by those sporting organisations?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** You have there, in the very content of the question, just supported exactly what I was saying in my most recent answers. Certainly we continue to provide support to sports at all levels, whether they be big or small.

**CHAIR:** Minister or Ms Mills, it only just occurred to me, we are all aware of the importance of reducing childhood obesity and the importance of sport. I for one have been a great advocate of sports. Have any studies been undertaken to see the cost savings to the State by placing more funding with our youth sporting organisations in comparison to health and safety and obesity reduction by doing that? The reason I ask the question is that the number of sporting organisations, as in your area and my area, whether it be Arncliffe Aurora Soccer Club or Brighton Nippers, who are continually calling—

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** You had to mention Arncliffe Aurora because they beat my team in the final. Thanks very much for sharing that.

**CHAIR:** I am a sponsor, but leaving that aside, what is occurring when these organisations are desperately looking for funds and they do not appear to be getting the necessary funding from the Government?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I can go through this very detailed answer.

**CHAIR:** I am happy if you take it on notice.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I think I can answer it quickly. In the first instance, there have obviously been a number of research studies done on obesity and children's health, and certainly there have been a number of programs initiated by this Government and also federally to address that. But one thing we should put on record here is that neither the New South Wales Government nor the Federal Government, or for that matter, any State Government, has ever provided funds specifically to individual clubs for anything else other than facilities development. That has not changed and, to be truthful, I do not think it should change because, as I say, the strength of those clubs, whether it is the ones that you quote or the ones that I am involved in—and my poor Forest Rangers team were well beaten by Arncliffe Aurora, who I must admit did win the 15As—is underpinned by volunteers. The sooner we get away from that the better.

One, we cannot afford to do it and, two, nor should we, because whether it is the commitment of sponsors who are local businesses in the community or whether it is people giving generously of their own time, their skills and their talents, or whether it is me managing my son's football team or tomorrow going out and umpiring, the day we start paying people to umpire the 16As—where I will be tomorrow at Olds Park—is the day sport in this country loses that key component. No government has ever done that. But it is a responsibility of government to, where possible, provide support—whether it is to individual clubs, associations or sports in general—and provide improved facilities. Because the last thing we need to do is to worry about the fees for the under 9s.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Minister, in relation to the Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre, will the Government commit to the \$275,000 of urgent funding needed to replace the floors on courts 3 and 4? Is the Government aware that without the funding courts 3 and 4 will become unusable, restricting access to the facility and potentially threatening its financial viability?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I have actually been to that facility. I do not know if the honourable member has been there himself but I have been there and had a look at that facility and I have given some advice to that organisation—as I provide advice to so many organisations—with regard to funding programs that it could look at, and I understand that it is making submissions to those programs.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Will the Government commit to contributing \$525,000 funding to replace the floors on courts 5 and 6 by 2012?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** It just grew from \$275,000 to \$525,000.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** I am talking about courts 5 and 6.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I think you are looking at an additional program that they are doing there. That organisation does some good work. I know the local member, Allan Shearan, has made strong representation that all funding provided by the State Government has to be assessed in the light of priorities, and, as I have said, that organisation has been advised to make submissions because there are programs that could potentially assist them.



**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** What support have you given to the Wollongong Wolves to play matches at WIN Stadium?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** In terms of?

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Is there not any financial support?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Not that I am aware of. But they have a contract with WIN Stadium so there may be incentives in that contract. I am not aware of the specifics if there are incentives in the program. Obviously they are a long-term tenant and, I might add, a very successful tenant playing at the—I cannot think of the name of it; they have a pet name for their home court.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** About two weeks ago the *Sydney Morning Herald* carried a story about the Western Sydney International Dragway, which I will refer to as the dragway.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** The dragway is not administered by my department; it is administered by the Minister for Western Sydney. I am trying to prevent you wasting time asking a two-minute question when you could be asking something else.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** It is not under your portfolio and you have no specific area of responsibility?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** It has been the responsibility of the Minister for Western Sydney since 1 July 2010.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Did you have portfolio responsibility prior to that?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Yes. However, any questions must now be addressed to the Minister for Western Sydney.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** In relation to the estimates for this year?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Yes.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, New South Wales has the highest percentage of indigenous communities lacking any sporting facilities, at 56 per cent. Is the Government doing anything to address this?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** The Government is committed to increasing opportunities for indigenous people to participate in sporting and recreational activities throughout New South Wales. The department coordinates the delivery of the Indigenous Sport Program through Aboriginal sport development officers located in Sydney, Lennox Head, Tamworth, Dubbo, Orange, Batemans Bay, Wagga Wagga and Newcastle. Some of the programs include the National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee working party for Campbelltown, Kempsey Active Youth Movement and Riverina Youth Engagement Project.

The department has a strong partnership with the Australian Sports Commission for the delivery of the Indigenous Sport Program in this State. The program has two main objectives: to increase the active participation of indigenous Australians in sport and physical activity; and to encourage community ownership and management of sport and physical recreation activities, including through skills development. The Government has also established a facilities program that has had considerable input from local members. I hope that electorates that have large indigenous communities are well represented by their members in looking to promote facilities grants programs funding for those upgrades.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** The same report shows that adult participation in sports and physical recreation saw New South Wales score the second lowest rating after the Northern Territory at 64.1 per cent. Is the Government doing anything to address that?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** As I said, the Government is involved in a program with the Australian Sports Commission and works with the three designated project officers.

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** Would you agree that for too long many sports across the State have been unfunded, leaving many struggling to service and support their current memberships?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I provided detailed information about that issue earlier. All sports would say that they could do with more funding, so could many other organisations. That is a given. However, we are very fortunate that those involved in sport give generously of their time and energies to ensure the ongoing success of their sport.

**The Hon. ROBERT BORSAK:** I refer to the Hill Top shooting regional complex development. What is the current status of the complex and is it likely that shooters will be able to use the new ranges by March next year? It is already a couple of years behind schedule.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Sport and Recreation, a division of Communities NSW, has been actively progressing expansion of the Southern Highlands regional shooting complex at Hill Top. The proposal provides for an additional five rifle/pistol/shotgun/air ranges to be built progressively at a basic clubhouse facility. The Government's decision in November 2004 to redevelop the present Hill Top rifle range into a regional shooting complex was taken to solve the ongoing difficulties experienced by a number of shooting clubs in securing long-term tenure to pursue their sporting and recreational interests. The decision was consistent with the Government's aim to consolidate ranges threatened by urban encroachment or environmental issues and to provide long-term security of tenure for clubs.

An area of 1,036 hectares was excised by legislation from the Bargo State Conservation Area and was vested in the Minister for Sport and Recreation to allow for the expansion of the present facility. On 1 March 2010, the Minister for Planning issued determination of major project No. 06-9232 providing for the construction of five new ranges under strict environmental and operational conditions. On 26 May this year, the Hill Top Residents Action Group Incorporated lodged an application with the Land and Environment Court seeking a declaration that the approval of the Minister for Planning was void and of no effect and, further, that the department be restrained from carrying out any work pursuant to the approval.

The latest appeal by the local community against the proposal was heard before the Land and Environment Court on 9 August and an early decision is expected in light of the vegetation clearing embargo that commences on 1 November 2010. We are looking to get that decision from the Land and Environment Court so that work can commence. We are assuming that the Minister for Planning's decision will be upheld. If so, we will be looking to get that work and the clearing underway before 1 November.

**The Hon. ROBERT BORSAK:** Minister Kelly told us on Wednesday that that action had failed and that the work would go ahead.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** If that is the case, that work will go ahead.

**The Hon. ROBERT BORSAK:** But will they be able to use those ranges by March?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** As long the clearing is completed by 1 November, I am sure that everything will be done to get the ranges up and running.

**The Hon. ROBERT BORSAK:** The Commonwealth Games are about to start in India and our shooters are likely to do well. How much funding does Sport and Recreation provide to junior shooters in New South Wales through the various sporting academies or grants programs?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I will provide the specific information on notice. Grants totalling \$750,000 were awarded for 62 projects across the State. Many were for construction and compliance.

**The Hon. ROBERT BORSAK:** Do you want to take the question on notice? I am particularly interested in that area.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Yes.

**The Hon. ROBERT BORSAK:** Are any Sport and Recreation funding programs available to recreational fishers, particularly junior fishers, to encourage our children to get into the outdoors and away from

their computer screens for their recreation? If so, what programs are they and how much is spent on them? If not, why not? Will the Government consider implementing such programs?

**The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ:** Point of order: Recreational fishing falls within a different portfolio area and we have had extensive debate on this in the recreational fishing inquiry.

**CHAIR:** Minister, are you happy to answer the question as part of the Sport and Recreation portfolio?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I cannot because it falls within—

**The Hon. ROBERT BORSAK:** Are you saying you cannot fund recreational fishing?

**The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ:** This Minister is not responsible for that area and questions about that item must be directed to the appropriate Minister.

**CHAIR:** The Minister has indicated he cannot answer the question.

**The Hon. ROBERT BORSAK:** Minister, as you may already be aware, the International Bench Rest Shooting Championships are to be held at Silverdale in Sydney's west in 2013, where the Australians will be the defending world champions. What assistance by way of grants or loans would be available to organisers of such an event to assist them to successfully stage it and, hopefully, help our shooters defend their title?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** The Department of Sport and Recreation has what is called the International Sporting Events program. Basically it is an opportunity for international events to obtain funding from the department. Where they are bringing international competitors into the State there is funding available in that program.

**The Hon. ROBERT BORSAK:** My colleague the late Roy Smith wrote to the Government in April this year asking that consideration be given to the Government developing a centre capable of hosting all types of major shooting events, most likely in central New South Wales because of the amount of land required, along the lines of the Whittington Centre in the United States and the National Shooting Centre at Bisley in the United Kingdom. The response did not address the issue, and given that the economic benefits of such a venue in a country area would be enormous, I ask the Government will revisit the issue and seriously consider the needs of shooters in this State in regard to hosting major international shooting events?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I will take that on notice.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Can you describe to the Committee how you arrive at priorities between the professional athletic development and community sporting and recreational facility development in determining the split of your budget between those two areas?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** There are facilities programs that our assessed by an independent panel. The facilities program also has input from local members. For instance, there are various applications for grants and they will be assessed with input from local members.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** So there is no policy determination that sets priorities between professional athletic development and community sporting and recreational development?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** As I say, there is a facility and that would be assessed on the merits of each development. Generally, in terms of the facilities program, they could be used by small or large organisations and obviously the scale in the middle. I am just trying to think of a good example.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Does the Government see specific advantages in making sure there are high-quality community sporting and recreational facilities available for every community in New South Wales?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** That often depends on the individual community through what councils choose to provide with their investment. I think it is fair to say that the major sporting organisations—by that I suppose I am referring to what you call the professional organisations—there is very much a desire by those organisations to promote community sport, because sport at that grassroots level flows through into the success of either attaining or retaining athletes.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** It would be possible to divide the budget of your department, the expenditure of your department, between the two categories?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** No, because, as I say, there is a major crossover. I am trying to think of a good example. If you put money into, say, an athletics track, it may well be used by a major event or it may well be used by the local primary school for its athletics carnival. There is always going to be a crossover. In terms of promotion of sport, obviously Athletics Australia, to use that example, would want to see more young people involved so they can become the next generation of Dani Samuels or whomever.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** When was the last major review of the Sports and Recreational Grants Program?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** It was 2009.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** What is the formal name of that review?

**Ms MILLS:** It was an internal review so it did not have a formal name other than the review of the grant.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** That review has not been made public, I understand?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** No, it was an internal review.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Did that internal review have major criticisms?

**Ms MILLS:** The purpose of the review was to ensure that the categories for which people could apply for funding were clear and they were contemporary and that we had a good administrative process to speed up turnaround times in decisions. As a result of the review we have focused on capacity building and sustainability of sports organisations with a strong emphasis on community engagement and participation of people in sports that we fund. We now have four simplified categories for applications for funding.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Those simplified categories were in operation for funding rounds in respect of 2010?

**Ms MILLS:** That is right.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** So those new categories are in the public domain?

**Ms MILLS:** They are, yes.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Has that round completed?

**Ms MILLS:** Submissions for that round. Not all the outcomes have yet been done and some of those funds are available on a rolling basis such as the international funding the Minister referred to. There is not a time limit on application.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** So people can put in at various stages for different programs.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Can you give us an indication of the historical funding allocated to the Safe Shooting Grants program in the last four financial years?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I think it is \$600,000.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Can you give us the same figures for the Disability Sports Assistance Program?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Probably about \$250,000.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Is there a reason why those two programs that serve communities of disparate size and disparate need are of that proportion?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** They are the grants that are provided. I could go into great detail about the background of both, but basically that is the breakdown.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** It does not worry you that the Disability Sports Assistance Program gets less than half of the Safe Shooting Grants Program when the needs of disability sports are so enormous?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Disability sports provide enormous benefits. I have been to a number of disability sports events, whether they be major events—the wheelchair rugby, wheelchair basketball and wheelchair tennis are the ones that come to mind—but also recognising that many sports have integrated disability participation into their overall sports, whether that be athletics, swimming or, indeed, shooting. There is an integration across those sports.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Do you provide any funding to the Burn Rubber Burn Program which, I understand, is an exercise program for people with disabilities? I think it is run out of police citizens youth clubs?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I would have to take that on notice.

**Ms MILLS:** However, we do provide funding directly to a number of police citizens youth clubs.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Sure, but I am specifically interested in the Burn Rubber Burn Program.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** We will find out.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Do you do comparative studies between New South Wales and other States in terms of the per capita expenditure on sport and recreation?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** The New South Wales Government participates with the Australian Government in a ministerial forum. As a result of that various statistics are provided. Again I think it is worth noting that there was a Crawford report into sport, which was funded by the Australian Government and reported to the Government earlier this year. After considerable discussions there is a program moving forward that looks at funding—

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Sorry, is that the name of the program, moving forward?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** No, moving is just a good catchphrase these days. They are looking at the way sports will be funded into the future through State sports organisations, the peak bodies for sports across Australia and in each State. There has been great discussion around that and how it should be provided. I will give you a simple example. One of the areas that has not been mentioned when we are talking about sports, and it comes back not just to your question but to Don Harwin's question, in terms of funding the sport is that the New South Wales Government provides over \$9 million—it maybe \$10 million now—for the New South Wales Institute of Sport.

It looks at providing programs for those athletes who are at the peak of a great variety of sports, at least 12 from memory. In addition, we also have regional sports academy programs where in the last financial year we have put something like \$1.75 million, which was a considerable increase of about \$750,000, into those regional academy programs, which obviously by nature are in regional communities across New South Wales. Those programs provide for a large number of athletes—I do not have the number off the top of my head—but certainly the regional programs are very successful, as is the New South Wales institute program. Our State sports institute is something we should be extremely proud of. I have been at the New South Wales Institute of Sport when, I think it was the Singapore Government, had a group over here looking at how well we did things as a template for what they were trying to set up in their nation.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** The New South Wales Institute of Sport comes under your portfolio, does it?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** It does.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** And your portfolio provides \$10 million a year in recurrent funding, does it?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Yes, close to that. I think it was \$9 million or \$10 million, that is right.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** That is recurrent funding?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Yes.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** What percentage of the budget of New South Wales Institute of Sport is that \$9 million or \$10 million?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** It is the vast majority. I cannot give you a specific figure but it is certainly the vast majority. We contributed \$9.7 million in the past financial year to that and that provided support for over 700 high-performance athletes who were either in squads or on individual scholarships and it offers 26 sport programs across 20 sports—so I undersold it there a minute ago. It is 20 sports that we are involved in through the institute. Obviously, a large number of those athletes had the privilege of representing Australia, particularly in the soon-to-be held Commonwealth Games, and certainly the Olympic Games.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** What measures of cost-effectiveness do you use on the New South Wales Institute of Sport?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** We are very fortunate in the New South Wales Institute of Sport to have a very strong team. There are a number of ways to look at the program. As well as having a good management team, we are very fortunate to have a strong board leadership team, chaired by Phil Coles, who is well known for his involvement in sport over many years in a variety of sports—obviously his contribution to the Olympic movement and as a member of the International Olympic Committee. The Deputy Chairman is Alan Jones, who is well known for his involvement in sport.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** That is Alan Jones the broadcaster?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Alan Jones the broadcaster.

**The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ:** And Wallabies coach.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** Wallabies coach, athletics coach, tennis—

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** I think we know who he is at this stage.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I am saying there is a very strong board leading that organisation. In fact, in November this year I will again have the pleasure of attending their awards night, which really highlights the efforts of so many. One that comes to mind, of course, is Torah Bright, who won the gold medal at Vancouver in snowboarding—a magnificent achievement.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** That is great, Minister, but you have not answered my question. What measures of cost-effectiveness do you apply to the \$9.7 million investment enhancements?

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** I hope you are not asking that we measure it by gold medal performances, which I suppose we could.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** I was not asking anything. I was just asking what you do.

**Mr KEVIN GREENE:** The measure of success is that our concern with young athletes is not just their athletics but, most important, their development as young people.

**CHAIR:** We will now go to Government members.

**The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ:** We do not have any questions.

**CHAIR:** Minister, I want to thank you and Ms Mills for attending today and for your assistance to this Committee. That now concludes the hearing. I remind you and your officers that any questions taken on notice must be returned within 21 days. Members may have further questions on notice. The secretariat will contact you.

**(The witness withdrew)**

**The Committee proceeded to deliberate.**

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