

## QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

**The Hon. STEVE WHAN:** You talked a bit about the best practice model for the industry. We have just been talking to the Integrity Auditor for Greyhound Racing NSW. In constructing this model, did the department look at the models that exist in other States? On what basis did you choose to have separate integrity auditors for the different codes?

**ANSWER:** The concept of an independent 'probity' or 'integrity' auditor to receive and consider complaints about the conduct of racing officials arose out of the June 2008 Malcolm Scott Report - *Independent Review of the Regulatory Oversight of the NSW Racing Industry*.

The *Thoroughbred Racing Act 1996* makes provision for an Integrity Assurance Committee for the thoroughbred racing code which has been in place since 1996.

The *Greyhound Racing Act 2009* and *Harness Racing Act 2009* (both assented to 15 May 2009) provide that the same person may be appointed as Greyhound Racing Integrity Auditor and as Harness Racing Integrity Auditor, which is currently the case with Mr Graham Gorrie appointed to both roles. The roles of the thoroughbred Integrity Assurance Committee and the Integrity Auditor/s for the greyhound and harness racing codes are almost identical.

It might be noted that the Office of Racing Integrity Commissioner for Victoria was introduced in September 2009 and the role of Queensland Racing Integrity Commissioner was legislated in late 2012, both after the establishment of the New South Wales regime.

**The Hon. TREVOR KHAN:** Documents were provided to Mr Cameron to allow him to come up with a variety of recommendations. They would have come through your department, would they not?

**ANSWER:** It is understood that the OLGR provided Mr Cameron with background information and data. Mr Cameron was assisted in the conduct of the Review by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

The Review process involved meetings with the three codes and key industry stakeholders to obtain information considered relevant to the Review. An Issues Paper was released by the Review in March 2008 which dealt with issues relating to the sustainability of the racing industry funding arrangements. A Background Paper was issued by the Review in June 2008 which set out information specific to wagering and the issues facing the NSW wagering industry that have the potential to impact on the revenue that flows to racing. Both Papers invited submissions from stakeholders. Mr Cameron acknowledges the sources of information contained in the Report.

Records indicate that the OLGR briefed the then Minister in respect of the Cameron Review recommendations for the purposes of the preparation of a Government Response for the consideration of Cabinet.

**The Hon. MARIE FICARRA:** Some submissions have indicated that there is to be a 15 year review of the Racing Distribution Agreement. Is the review currently underway?

You do not monitor the progress of that review even though it probably came out of government recommendations?

You do not ensure that it is going on and that they are adhering to that which they are supposed to?

Would you take it on notice to provide us with information on whether there is any role for government?

**ANSWER:** The Racing Inter-Code Deed requires that the parties shall in good faith commence evaluation and renegotiation of the relative distributions between the controlling bodies of "Growth Monies" which may be received after 22 June 2013. "Growth Monies" means those monies which Racingcorp receives under the Racing Distribution Agreement for distribution to the controlling bodies under the Racing Inter-Code Deed occurring after 22 June 2013 and are in excess of the total aggregate amount of monies distributed to the controlling bodies in the 2011/2012 financial year.

The Government is not a party to either the Racing Distribution Agreement or the Racing Inter-Code Agreement and has no legislated role in the evaluation and renegotiation of the distribution of these monies.

**The Hon. MARIE FICARRA:** Have any concerns for greyhound racing been brought to the attention of your office?

**ANSWER:** Yes, in the form of representations to the Minister from certain organisations and industry stakeholders.