

2015 BUDGET ESTIMATES
RACING
QUESTIONS FROM HEARING: 3 SEPTEMBER 2015

1. ONLINE ALCOHOL - NUMBER OF RETAILERS

The Hon. SHAOQUETT MOSELMANE: How many online alcohol retailers are there in New South Wales?

Mr TROY GRANT: That is an operational question. I will refer it to Ms Caruana.

Ms CARUANA: I would like to take that on notice.

ANSWER:

1. See answer to 2015 Budget Estimates supplementary question number 214.

2. ONLINE ALCOHOL - DELIVERY NOT MADE TO PEOPLE UNDER 18

The Hon. SHAOQUETT MOSELMANE: What measures are taken to ensure that the delivery of alcohol from online retailers is not made to a person under the age of 18?

Mr TROY GRANT: Within the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing we have a compliance section that is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that all activities under the Liquor Act meet those high standards.

Ms TORRES: I will take that on notice for the exact procedure, but there are obligations for delivery drivers to ensure identification is produced.

ANSWER:

2. See answer to 2015 Budget Estimates supplementary question number 218.

3. DELIVERY OF ALCOHOL TO AN UNOCCUPIED ADDRESS

The Hon. SHAOQUETT MOSELMANE: Your website states that delivery can be made to an unoccupied address. Do the current rules allow for retailers to leave alcohol unattended at door steps?

Ms TORRES: I will take that on notice for clarity. My understanding is that when the online order is placed identification requirements are entered into most of the online systems and then identification produced if it is delivered, but I cannot answer accurately—

The Hon. SHAOQUETT MOSELMANE: Is there a guaranteed process?

Ms TORRES: I will take that on notice.

The Hon. SHAOQUETT MOSELMANE: Have any retailers been detected delivering alcohol to a person under the age of 18?

Ms TORRES: I will have to take that on notice. Not to my knowledge.

The Hon. SHAOQUETT MOSELMANE: Minister?

Mr TROY GRANT: I am sorry, can you repeat the question?

The Hon. SHAOQUETT MOSELMANE: Has any retailer been detected delivering alcohol to a person under the age of 18?

Mr TROY GRANT: Not to my knowledge but I am happy to take that question on notice. Wine clubs are a form of online sales of alcohol. Are you opposed to those?

ANSWER:

3. See answer to 2015 Budget Estimates supplementary question number 219, 220 and 221.

4. 10PM CLOSING REVIEW

Mr TROY GRANT: In February 2016 the review will commence. That review is specific to 10.00 p.m. closing.

The Hon. SHAOQUETT MOSELMANE: What is the expected cost of the review?

Mr TROY GRANT: I will take that on notice.

ANSWER:

4. See answer to 2015 Budget Estimates supplementary question number 231.

5. 10PM REVIEW BOUNDARIES

The Hon. SHAOQUETT MOSELMANE: Is Shellharbour considered as being in stage one of the review?

Ms TORRES: I will have to get back to you on that. Off the top of my head, I am not certain where the boundary is.

Mr TROY GRANT: We are happy to take that on notice and provide that answer.

ANSWER:

5. See answer to 2015 Budget Estimates supplementary question number 232.

6. INCREASE IN LEGAL FEES

The Hon. SHAOQUETT MOSELMANE: On the issue of legal representation, legal fees have increased by up to 400 per cent. What is the reason for that?

Mr TROY GRANT: Again, that relates to specific cases or matters. I will take that question on notice and provide information.

ANSWER:

6. See answer to 2015 Budget Estimates supplementary question number 235 and 236.

7. REDUCTION IN FEES AND FINES

The Hon. SHAOQUETT MOSELMANE: There has been a reduction in fees and fines of more than \$7 million. Can you explain that reduction and identify the offences that have experienced the largest reduction?

Ms TORRES: Hopefully any reduction in fees and fines reflects better compliance by the industry. The casino supervisory levy has reduced by \$7.1 million. Is that the information you are seeking?

The Hon. SHAOQUETT MOSELMANE: Yes.

Ms TORRES: In the interests of accuracy, we can provide on notice the exact data about the reduction in specific fines and fees, and the breaches last year versus this year. I do not have a list of the nature of the breaches that have declined and those that have changed. A reduction in fines overall is probably the explanation.

ANSWER:

7. See answer to 2015 Budget Estimates supplementary question number 237.

8. LAMBERT REVIEW

Mr TROY GRANT: The Premier commissioned the Lambert review through the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

The Hon. SHAOQUETT MOSELMANE: What were the terms of reference?

Mr TROY GRANT: I will take that question on notice and provide that information.

The Hon. SHAOQUETT MOSELMANE: How much was Mr Lambert paid to undertake the review?

Mr TROY GRANT: That question should be asked of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, but I will take it on notice.

The Hon. SHAOQUETT MOSELMANE: Are you aware of what the review found or recommended?

Mr TROY GRANT: Again, that question should be directed to the Department of Premier and Cabinet. However, I am happy to take it on notice.

ANSWER:

8. I am advised:

The Premier commissioned the Lambert review through the Department of Premier and Cabinet and any questions in relation to the Review would best be directed there.

9. RACING REVIEW – RACE FIELD CAPS

CHAIR: I have a question in relation to race field caps recently being removed or adjusted by regulation. What is the impact of that on the industry?

Mr TROY GRANT: Adjusted?

CHAIR: It is subject to a disallowance motion in our House at the moment.

Mr TROY GRANT: It is. The move is to bring equity of that fee across all jurisdictions. Ms Torrens?

Ms TORRES: The intent is to encourage Racing NSW to utilise other revenue streams as well as achieving wagering tax parity.

CHAIR: We are talking about all codes.

Ms TORRES: Yes, all codes. The intent was to ensure that rather than relying only on wagering tax parity and the step-downs that are being delivered that the racing codes explore other opportunities they have, and one of those opportunities is to use the race fields fees information services that they provide to the bookmakers.

CHAIR: I think the cap was 1.9 per cent before?

Ms TORRES: It was changed from a percentage cap to a dollar figure, depending on the type of race classification. I can get the exact phrasing for you.

CHAIR: Could you take that on notice?

Ms TORRES: Absolutely.

Mr TROY GRANT: We will give you a full briefing because it is race fields on premium as well as different rates generally. We are happy to provide that in detail.

ANSWER:

9. I am advised race field fees are capped by regulation. The actual rates are determined by racing controlling bodies on a commercial basis. As outlined during the Hearing, I have offered a full briefing to the Chair on this matter.
