

Friday 26 October 2007
[Parliamentary Estimates: General Purpose Standing Committee No 3]

Minister for Gaming and Racing, Sport and Recreation

QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AT THE HEARING

1 The Hon. TREVOR KHAN asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, the Hon Graham West MP –

Minister, have you, any of your staff or any departmental officers met with any person acting on behalf of Betfair?

ANSWER

The following meetings have been held with representatives of Betfair:

Date of meeting and where	Betfair representatives	Ministerial, departmental persons attending
2003 / 2004 (dates unknown) Various locations: 55 Hunter Street, Sydney – Office of Minister for Gaming and Racing Parliament House office of Minister for Gaming and Racing Office of Treasurer	Representatives of Betfair and PBL	Grant McBride, Minister for Gaming and Racing Michael Egan, Treasurer John Whelan, Chief of Staff to Minister for Gaming and Racing Department of Gaming and Racing officers
Early 2006 (date unknown) Level 13, 55 Hunter Street, Sydney	Andrew Twaits David Epstein - lobbyist	Grant McBride, Minister for Gaming and Racing Adrian Leopardi, Policy Officer to Minister for Gaming and Racing John Whelan, Director Policy and Research, NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing (OLGR) Paul de Veaux, Assistant Director Racing (OLGR) Frank Marzic, Manager Racing Policy (OLGR)
17 May 2007 OLGR Office, 323 Castlereagh Street, Haymarket	Andrew Twaits	Mr John Whelan

Date of meeting and where	Betfair representatives	Ministerial, departmental persons attending
29 May 2007 Room 801 Parliament House	Anthony Klok David Epstein - lobbyist	Graham West, Minister for Gaming and Racing Phillip Kelly, Chief of Staff to Minister for Gaming and Racing John Whelan
5 June 2007 Hobart, Tasmania	Anthony Klok	John Whelan Paul de Veaux
25 July 2007 Betfair PLC, Waterfront, Hammersmith Embankment, Winslow Road, London.	Mr Edward Wray Chairman Mr David Yu, CEO.	Graham West, Minister for Gaming and Racing Albert Gardner, Director of Compliance, and Director Liquor and Gaming, (OLGR)
2 August 2007	Andrew Twaits Matthew Chesher	Phillip Kelly
6 August 2007 OLGR Office, 323 Castlereagh Street, Haymarket	Andrew Twaits	John Whelan
11 September 2007 OLGR Office, 323 Castlereagh Street, Haymarket	Andrew Twaits	John Whelan Michael Foggo, Commissioner, OLGR
23 October 2007 OLGR Office, 323 Castlereagh Street, Haymarket	Andrew Twaits	John Whelan

2 The Hon. TREVOR KHAN asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, the Hon Graham West MP –

How much income does Tasmania receive from Betfair? Question 2

ANSWER

Details of Betfair's financial arrangements with the Tasmanian Government were provided to the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing in a document dated 26 July 2007 marked "Commercial in Confidence".

This document is being tabled in the Legislative Council as a privileged document in response to the Resolution under standing order 52 on 14 November 2007.

3 The Hon.CHARLIE LYNN asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, the Hon Graham West MP –

What allocations have been made, by recipient, amount and purpose, from the Casino Community Benefit Fund during the period 01 July 2006 to 31 June 2007 and have any grants been made by any Department, agency, instrumentality or government related entity from the Casino Community Benefit Fund from 1 July 2006?

ANSWER

Detailed information about allocations made from the Responsible Gambling Fund (formerly known as the Casino Community Benefit Fund) in 2006/07 is contained at Appendix 3 to the 2006-2007 Annual Report of the Trustees of the Responsible Gambling Fund.