

## Question on Notice

No. 1094

Asked on 9 June 2006

**Mrs STUCKEY** asked the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for State Development, Trade and Innovation (Ms BLIGH) –

### QUESTION:

With reference to the *Gaming Machine Act*—

- (1) Why is there no consistent cash payout limit for all clubs and hotels?
- (2) How many gaming licences have been granted for premises without a liquor licence?
- (3) What is the process by which cash payout limits are determined?

### ANSWER:

1. Cash payout limits are set at \$250 under the Rules Ancillary to Gaming for all club or hotel gaming venues. However, in accordance with Section 236 of the *Gaming Machine Act 1991* this amount may be amended for specific sites by the Queensland Office of Gaming Regulation (QOGR). Such approvals are usually associated with the location of the premises, for example, remote or resort areas with no banking facilities for the encashment of cheques.
2. There have been no gaming machine licences granted to premises not licensed under the *Liquor Act 1992*. Under the provisions of the *Gaming Machine Act 1991*, a site must hold a liquor licence to hold a gaming machine licence.
3. A licensee may apply to QOGR to increase the cash payout limit from \$250. Generally, the maximum increase approved is \$500 although higher amounts may be approved in exceptional circumstances. Approval is not granted unless the venue has adequate arrangements in place to ensure problem gamblers are not at any greater risk. Assessment includes adherence to the Responsible Gambling Code of Practice and staff participation in Responsible Service of Gaming courses.

The information required to justify an increase includes the number of cheques written in the last 3 months, the level of gaming at the premises, the level of security provided for patrons, and the location of the premises.