

Question on Notice

No. 1381

Asked on 7 October 2008

MR HORAN ASKED THE TREASURER (MR FRASER)—

With reference to the greyhound industry which is in turmoil due to the Government's resumption of the Gold Coast greyhound racing complex at Parklands and TAB greyhound racing now reduced in south east Queensland to only Ipswich and Albion Park —

What actions is he taking to assist the industry to find a suitable additional alternative?

ANSWER:

The Government did not resume at the Parklands Gold Coast venue. Parklands Gold Coast is State Government land and the Gold Coast Greyhound Racing Club was a tenant on that land. The land at Parklands Gold Coast is required as part of the development of the Gold Coast University Hospital.

Notwithstanding that the Government had no legal obligation to compensate the Gold Coast Greyhound Racing Club, or the greyhound racing code, the Government recognises the need to assist the industry.

I recently announced that \$10 million would be provided to the greyhound racing control body, Greyhounds Queensland Limited (GQL), as compensation for vacating the Gold Coast Parklands venue, which is now required for the Gold Coast University Hospital. I advised that this compensation would be provided on the condition that the greyhound code applies the funds to the development of a new greyhound racing facility.
