

Question on Notice

No. 1880

Asked on 27 November 2008

MRS LAVARCH ASKED THE TREASURER (MR FRASER)—

With reference to the review of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund and Jupiter's Casino Community Benefit Fund—

Will he advise on progress of the review and when the outcomes are likely to be available?

ANSWER:

Community consultation regarding the four community benefit funds has been via community forums and an online and hard copy survey. Over 500 responses have been received to date, with paper based surveys still being returned. Seven community forums were held around the state, with 330 attendees. Other feedback has also been received by phone and email.

Feedback received has been an important part of informing the review as well as encouraging community stakeholders to contribute their thoughts on current and future directions. Across the state there has been resounding confirmation of the positive impact the community benefit funds have had since their inception.

Phase one of the review project has now ended, and I expect to receive the interim report in the first quarter of 2009.