

Question on Notice

No. 620

Asked on 10 May 2011

MR STEVENS asked the Deputy Premier and Attorney-General, Minister for Local Government and Special Minister of State (MR LUCAS)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the House why Liquor Licensing officers have taken recorded readings of 117 d.b (from neighbouring properties) on functions conducted outdoors by Jupiter's Casino and yet have failed to enforce sound level compliance on Jupiter's Casino?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Mermaid Beach for his question.

I am advised that there have been no readings above 117dB (from neighbouring properties) on functions conducted outdoors by Jupiters Casino. However, I am advised that there was a reading of 80 dB – almost 40 dB below what the Honourable member has claimed was registered.

I am further advised that:

- On 15 April 2011, the Office of Liquor Gaming Regulation (OLGR) received a complaint from a neighbouring property about noise levels coming from the pool area of Jupiters casino. The noise was emanating from testing being conducted prior to a concert to be held that evening.
- OLGR attended the casino that afternoon to investigate the complaint. There was no noise in progress when OLGR officers attended. Noise was played in the form of a sound check at OLGR's request to enable OLGR officers to establish the sound levels that would occur at the concert.
- While the sound check was underway, OLGR officers measured noise levels at the site and also at affected residences in Rebecca Court, Broadbeach.
- Noise measured at the affected residences in individual frequencies and the bass frequency [63Hz] was measured at 80dB which was 20.4dB higher than background noise levels which were recorded at 59.6dB. The permitted level above background levels prior to 10pm is 10dB(A) and after 10.00pm it is 8dB.
- OLGR officers provided interim advice to casino management that during the concert, noise should be restricted to 92dB(C) in order to prevent unreasonable noise disturbing neighbours in Rebecca Court.

- Broadbeach police advised OLGR they had received only one complaint in respect to the sound levels at the time of the concert.
- Jupiters Casino does not have any noise restrictions imposed on its licence. OLGR advised Jupiters that in order to reduce noise complaints it should engage an acoustic consultant to establish reasonable noise levels and mitigation strategies to contain the noise, such as noise blankets or directional speakers. The casino management has since advised OLGR they are actioning OLGR recommendations. Casino management have committed to providing a report demonstrating steps undertaken to minimise noise leakage.
- OLGR officers remain in contact with one of the affected residents and will attend the affected premises to conduct noise testing when further events are conducted. If unreasonable noise is established, OLGR may issue a “cease the noise order” [section 187 of the *Liquor Act 1992*].
- OLGR has not received any further complaints about noise from Jupiters Casino since this event.