

## **QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**No. 997**

**Asked on Wednesday, 14 October 2015**

**MR WEIR** asked the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries and Minister for Sport and Racing (HON W BYRNE)—

### **QUESTION:**

Will the Minister advise if any changes will be made to country racing that will affect (a) the number of race dates allocated, and (b) the amount of prize money distributed?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for the Question.

Racing Queensland is leading a major reform of the racing industry. Racing Queensland is reviewing all elements of the industry to find opportunities to restore integrity and public confidence in the industry while returning Racing Queensland to an operating surplus.

Under the *Racing Act 2002*, the Minister is not able to direct Racing Queensland in regards to the allocation of race meetings or prize money.

The programming and conduct of all race meetings is the legislated responsibility of the racing control body, Racing Queensland.