

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1434

asked on Tuesday, 30 August 2016

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**MR MADDEN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS MINISTER FOR RACING AND MINISTER FOR MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS (HON G GRACE)—

### QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise on the future of the Racing Disciplinary Board and how appeals will be managed by the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission?

### ANSWER:

The *Racing Integrity Act 2016* (the Act) abolished the Racing Disciplinary Board and established a new internal review process.

The new internal review process mirrors the review processes of other government departments and statutory bodies across the Queensland Government.

The internal review process allows for the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) to review its decisions and resolve any issues that may have occurred when the first decision was made. It also provides the racing industry with a free of charge review process to ensure that the original decision made is well-considered, appropriate, considers all of the relevant issues and is free from any apprehended bias.

Under the Act, an aggrieved person may apply to the QRIC for an internal review of the original decision made.

Once an application for an internal review is received, the QRIC has 20 business days to make an internal review decision. This internal decision may confirm, reject or substitute the original decision.

Once the internal review decision is finalised, the applicant will be notified of the final decision by way of an internal review decision notice. A copy of the internal review decision will also be published on the QRIC website.

An application for a stay of an original decision or an internal review decision made by the QRIC can be made free of charge by completing and lodging the relevant forms with the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT).

Once a person receives an internal review decision notice from the QRIC, the person has 28 days to determine whether they wish to have the decision externally reviewed by QCAT.