

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1648

asked on Wednesday, 14 September 2016

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister explain why there is not one representative from north of Bundaberg or west of Toowoomba on any of the three advisory panels to which members were appointed by Racing Queensland last week?

ANSWER:

Racing Queensland (RQ) has established four advisory panels to assist it in the process of formulating strategy and making decisions on important racing industry matters.

These panels are for each code of racing and a separate panel for country thoroughbred racing.

As these advisory panels are appointed by RQ to provide advice to RQ on its business, I do not have a role in appointing the members of these advisory panels.

The composition of each panel, and appointment to the panels, is a matter for RQ.

While this is the case, I have taken the opportunity to remind RQ that the Queensland Government has a commitment to rural representation on its own committees and boards and as such, encourage RQ to show the same commitment when making future appointments to their advisory committees.

Subsequent to the initial announcement of the advisory panels, RQ has advised that it has broadened representation on the Thoroughbred Advisory Panel with additional members appointed from Ipswich, Rockhampton and Townsville.