

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1696

asked on Thursday, 15 September 2016

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

QUESTION:

As the Minister responsible for Racing Queensland, will the Minister advise when the Gold Coast Turf Club will be told by Racing Queensland if Racing Queensland is reneging on the funds previously allocated by former Queensland Governments for Gold Coast Turf Club infrastructure upgrades?

ANSWER:

The Racing Queensland Board has been requested to prepare a five-year commercial plan, including an industry infrastructure plan, for the Queensland racing industry. The plan is to be in place by 1 July 2017.

With respect to the Gold Coast Turf Club redevelopment project, work was to be undertaken in two separate phases to allow continuity of racing at the Gold Coast.

Phase one of the project, which included refurbishment of patron and member facilities, construction of new corporate suites and a new 40-metre equine swimming pool, funded from the previous Labor Government's \$110 million Racing Infrastructure Capital Development Scheme, is complete.

Phase two of the project was deferred by Racing Queensland to ensure that two major tracks in south-east Queensland were not closed at the same time during the Eagle Farm Racecourse development project.

The status of phase two of the Gold Coast project will be considered by Racing Queensland, along with any other infrastructure projects, as part of the preparation of the industry's infrastructure plan.