

Question on Notice
No. 1065
Asked on 4 September 2018

MR R STEVENS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR INNOVATION AND TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER FOR THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES (HON K JONES) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the Minister's advice that there will be no additional poker machine licences granted to any casino operator of a so-called 'Tourism Hub' on the Gold Coast, and that machines would be sourced from the existing pool of machines in Queensland—

Will the Minister advise whether the not-for-profit club sector or the private hotel sector will be the subject of a government assisted 'Tourism Hub Casino' buy-back?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government recognises the valuable contribution of pubs and clubs to Queensland communities and we are determined to work with them to ensure they remain commercially viable and sustainable.

In regards to the potential for a new Global Tourism Hub on the Gold Coast similar to the Queen's Wharf Development in Brisbane, we have not commenced a registration of interest process.

As the honourable member would recall, it was the member's government that created two new casino licences in Queensland.

Any decision into the future will be made in consultation with the community, including our pubs and clubs.