

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 389**

**Asked on 27 March 2019**

**MR M BERKMAN** ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE (HON Y D'ATH) –

### **QUESTION:**

With reference to the Premier's statement in February 2019 that 'I would actually like to see in the future that we actually have less pokies in Queensland'—

Will the Attorney-General advise (a) what is the government's policy regarding the number of poker machines in Queensland and does it include any mechanisms or plans to reduce that number, (b) if the government is considering reducing the number of EGM licences for casinos or under the state-wide caps for either clubs or for hotels and (c) how this statement aligns with the approval of 800 new poker machines at Queens Wharf IRD?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Maiwar for his question.

The Government has stated that any global tourism hub incorporating a casino approved for the Gold Coast would be delivered with no net increase in gaming machines.

If there is to be a casino within a global tourism hub approved for the Gold Coast, any gaming machines required for that casino will have to be sourced from the number of gaming machines already potentially available under the legislated State-wide cap on club entitlements and hotel authorities.

The additional machines for the Queens Wharf project were negotiated with the successful proponent many years before the Premier's statement.

The \$3.6 billion Queens Wharf development will deliver significant economic value for Queensland. The development, as part of the package of major tourism infrastructure projects being built in South East Queensland, will drive significant domestic and international visitations.