

Question on Notice
No. 1190
Asked on 11 October 2023

MR J MCDONALD ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR RACING (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

With reference to Racing Qld building a new venue for Harness Racing at Norwell—

Will the Minister advise (a) what the expected timeframe is for closing Albion Park and (b) what investment in alternative racing and training opportunities is being made to accommodate this gap after closing Albion Park?

ANSWER:

Details of the closure of Albion Park have not yet been finalised and continue to be negotiated between the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, and Racing Queensland. The impact of the exit from Albion Park on racing and training opportunities is being considered through this process.

Racing Queensland has advised that it has accelerated its planning processes around the new Queensland Harness Centre at Norwell and is investigating ways to reduce the time required to deliver the new venue.

Application for a Ministerial Infrastructure Designation for the Queensland Harness Centre was lodged on 29 September 2023.