

Education, Employment and Training Committee

Report No. 28 on the Betting Tax and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION

On 12 October 2022, the Betting Tax and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 (the Bill) was introduced into the Queensland Parliament.

The Bill was declared urgent and referred to the Education, Employment and Training Committee (the Committee) for detailed consideration, with a report back date of 4 November 2022.

On 4 November 2022, the Committee tabled its report (No. 28) in relation to the Bill.

The Queensland Government response to the recommendations made by the Committee is provided below.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends the Bill be passed.

Queensland Government response

The Queensland Government thanks the Committee for its consideration of the Bill and notes the Committee's recommendation that the Bill be passed.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends the Bill be amended to omit sections 25(3) and 26(2)(a) from the Betting Tax Act 2018 to ensure that free bets made as totaliser bets are incorporated into the calculation of the betting tax.

Queensland Government response

The Queensland Government supports this recommendation and will seek amendment to the relevant sections during consideration in detail.

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends the Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment clarify how 'country thoroughbred race meetings' will be defined for the purposes of the *Racing Act 2002* and the *Racing Regulation 2013*, and who will be responsible for defining this term.

Queensland Government response

The Queensland Government supports this recommendation. The Treasurer will clarify the meaning of 'country thoroughbred race meetings' in the Treasurer's second reading speech.

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