

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, GAMING AND LIQUOR REGULATION

Written Questions on Notice provided by Richard Riordan MP

- 1. Minister, BP3 pg 263, in 2017 a Ministerial Advisory Committee was established under section 67 of the Victorian Sex Work Act 1994 to advise the minister and assist with regulation and control of the sex work industry; liaise with Victoria Police; refer investigations to WorkSafe, the tax office, immigration and developing educational programs and sex health information. However, despite these incredibly important functions of the Sex Work Ministerial Advisory Committee a Chair has not been appointed and the terms of all members lapsed in November 2016. Given the rising number of illegal brothels in Melbourne, particularly in the East and South East, when will the minister reappoint members and reconvene the committee?**

My department's role is to regulate lawfully conducted sex work. At this time there are no additional issues arising that should be referred to a reconstituted Committee.

- 2. Page 30 of the PAEC questionnaire shows that the new output Regulation Gambling and Liquor has come in part from internal reprioritisation. How much of this output is new funding, and how much has been reprioritised? What program was the funding reprioritised from?**

The 2019-20 Budget announced \$6.4 million in 2019-20 for regulating gambling and liquor of which half is new funding and half is to be sourced via output reprioritisation.

- 3. BP5 page 170 refers to the government's new point of consumption tax. How much has the government forecasted in the budget papers to raise this financial year (18-19)?**

Estimates of wagering and betting tax under the new point of consumption tax have not been revised since the budget update. The new point of consumption tax is estimated to raise \$34 million in 2018-19.

- 4. What is the forecast revenue from the tax in the 2019-20 year?**

The point of consumption tax is estimated to raise \$106 million in 2019-20.

- 5. BP5 p184 shows contributions from consolidated revenue to the Hospitals and Charities Fund will increase by \$51.4 million next year. How much of this funding is a result of revenue from the Point of Consumption Tax?**

The increase in contributions made to the Hospitals and Charities Fund under Chapter 4 of the Gambling Regulation Act 2003 is entirely due to the introduction of the Victorian Point of Consumption Tax on wagering and betting.