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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Jo Clay MLA on Monday 29 August 2022: Andrew Barr MLA took on notice the following question(s):

In relation to: Gambling tax / point of consumption tax

MS CLAY: Thank you, chair. Treasurer, I am interested in the point of consumption tax or the betting operations tax. Now in 2017-18 that used to be one or two million dollars. That has gone up now; it is projected to be at around \$20 million. And there is quite a lot of different figures in there. I gather that tax is levied on lots of different sports, including horse racing, and lots of different events all around the country. I dug into the Australian gambling statistics to try and work out how much of that tax is coming from ACT people, residents, betting on ACT horse racing and it looked to me like it was about 250,000 comes from ACT residents betting on ACT horse racing. Have I got that wrong?

Mr Barr: I imagine it would be something like that. It is a tiny amount of the total point of consumption tax, that is correct. Whether I could exactly verify 250,000, I would need to reflect upon, but certainly it is not a large component, because obviously ACT racing is a tiny component of all of the horse racing in Australia and the point of consumption tax is not about where the race occurs but where the bet is made.

Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

The ACT betting operations tax applies to betting operators that earn revenue as a result of accepting bets, or providing a service through which bets are made, by people located in the ACT at the time of making the bet.

It captures bets on all sports and other events, including golf, rugby, motocross and horseracing to name a few.

Through the collection of the betting operations tax, the Government receives data on the amount of bets made by Canberrans, but not what events the bets relate to. It is not possible to confirm the amount of revenue from the betting operations tax comes from Canberrans betting on ACT horse racing.

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By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA