

GAMING COMMISSION (CONTINUING LOTTERIES LEVY) BILL 1999

Introduction and First Reading

Bill introduced, on motion by Mr Cowan (Deputy Premier), and read a first time.

Second Reading

MR COWAN (Merredin - Deputy Premier) [12.22 pm]: I move -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

This Bill complements the Acts Amendment (Continuing Lotteries) Bill 1999. The Acts Amendment (Continuing Lotteries) Bill transfers responsibility for the licensing and regulation of suppliers of continuing lottery tickets from the Commissioner of State Revenue to the Gaming Commission so that only one government agency is responsible for the licensing and regulation of continuing lotteries in Western Australia.

Presently, under the Stamp Act, the Commissioner for State Revenue collects 5 per cent in stamp duty on the face value of continuing lottery tickets. However, as the Acts Amendment (Continuing Lotteries) Bill repeals section 111B of the Stamp

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Act which authorises the collection of the 5 per cent stamp duty, this Bill provides for a prescribed levy to be imposed on continuing lottery tickets. The proposed levy will be sufficient to compensate for the 5 per cent in stamp duty which is currently collected under the Stamp Act, plus meet the Gaming Commission's costs of licensing and regulating continuing lotteries. I commend the Bill to the House and table an explanatory memorandum for the benefit of members.

[See paper No 432.]

Debate adjourned, on motion by Mr Cunningham.