

SCHEDULE 1

ANSWERS (IN RED) TO THE LIST OF TOPICS - MR TREVOR FISHER

IN WRITTEN WITNESS STATEMENT

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Qualifications and experience

1. Your qualifications and experience, generally, and in relation to the regulation and oversight of casinos and casino gambling, specifically.

I am a retired farmer with no tertiary education. I have been involved in country organisations for 40+ years, holding numerous positions (all unpaid). Subsequently, I was named WA Volunteer of the Year in 2019 for my efforts.

I had no experience in relation to the regulation and oversight of casinos and casino gambling, specifically, when appointed as a board member 27th March, 2012.

I was one of a group of businessmen who owned the WA/SA Border Village Roadhouse, and we applied for, and were granted, a licence to operate gaming machines. I had no involvement in the everyday operations of the roadhouse. It was purely an off-farm investment, at that time. I am no longer involved with the roadhouse – I ceased my shareholding/ownership in approximately 2008 or 2009.

Role on the Commission

2. The date of your appointment to the Gaming and Wagering Commission (**Commission**) and length of appointment. **27th March, 2012 to 31st December, 2017**
3. Your training (if any) related to the performance of your functions as a Commission member, generally, and in relation to the regulation and oversight of the Perth Casino, specifically. **As a committee, we visited the Perth Casino, on a number of occasions, inspecting everyday functions – eg: security surveillance, the unloading and reloading of gaming machines, money counting. We did not receive any training.**
4. Your areas of specific responsibility on the Commission (if any). **Purely a Board Member**
5. Your remuneration for being a member of the Commission. **\$85,977 (total for 5 years)**
6. The amount of your time taken in performing your role as a member of the Commission and how much of that time would be taken in dealing with casino regulation. **Leading up to each meeting, I would spend around 1.5 to 3 hours reading the minutes. Meetings were held usually on the last Tuesday of the month, of about 1 to 2 hours duration. In my recollection, approximately 60% of the meeting covered Casino business, depending on whether there was a gaming machine display, for approval.**

Powers, duties and obligations of Commission

7. The information you were given, before or after your appointment, about the powers, responsibilities and obligations of the Commission. **Limited information given.**
8. The information you were given, before or after your appointment, about your duties and powers as a member of the Commission. **Limited information given.**
9. Whether the Commission has been obstructed in the exercise of its powers and discharge of its responsibilities and obligations, whilst you have been a member of the Commission. If so, provide details. **Given no obstruction.**

10. Whether you have ever been obstructed in the performance of your duties or exercise of your powers as a member of the Commission. **Given no obstruction.**
11. Your understanding of Commission policies and procedures to ensure the exercise of powers and discharge of responsibilities and obligations in respect of the regulation and oversight of the:
 - a. Perth Casino; **I believe I had sufficient understanding of the Commission policies and procedures in relation to the Perth Casino.**
 - b. Risks associated with junket operations, money laundering, cash and electronic transactions at the Perth Casino and criminals infiltrating casino operations, including the regulatory objectives and philosophy underpinning such policies and procedures. **I recall, as a Board, being made aware of the potential for junket operations but money laundering was not discussed.**

Support from the Department

12. Your understanding of the role of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (and any predecessor Departments previously responsible for assisting the Commission) (DLGSC) in supporting the Commission, including but not limited to any Commission policies and procedures for DLGSC reporting to the Commission about regulation and oversight of the Perth Casino. **I felt there had to be full support.**
13. The adequacy of the briefing papers received by the Commission from the DLGSC and the Chief Casino Officer relating to the regulation of the Perth Casino. **The briefing papers I received, each month, were always comprehensive yet relatively easy to understand.**
14. The adequacy of support from DLGSC to the Commission. **Support was always very good.**

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Conflicts of Interest

15. The information you were given, before or after your appointment, about conflicts of interest¹ and how to deal with them. **This subject would arise on numerous occasions. I was fully aware of the subject policy.**
16. The information to avoid conflicts of interest which you were given, before or after your appointment, about involvement by you or your family, friends and business associates with the Perth Casino, and its staff, whilst you are a member of the Commission. **I can't recall being given any information on this subject.**
17. Whether you have or have had any conflicts of interest in relation to your role on the Commission, including any which may have arisen through your family, friends and/or business associates. If so, provide details and actions taken in respect of the conflicts of interest. **I had no conflicts of interest.**
18. Whether you have been aware as to whether the Commission had a conflicts of interest policy for staff and other persons carrying out duties on behalf of the Commission. If not, do you recall any discussion by members about whether such a policy should exist. If yes, provide details. **I have no recollection of any discussion regarding Conflict of Interest with staff or other persons carrying out duties on behalf of the Commission.**

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¹ 'Conflicts of interest' includes actual and potential conflicts of interest.