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The Hon. Andrew Fraser, MP
Treasurer and Minister for Racing
Queensland Government
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DEAR ANDREW -

Dear Treasurer

The purpose of this correspondence is to update you in relation to Product Company ("Product Co") discussions on Race Fields Legislation.

As you will be aware, the three codes of racing in New South Wales have commenced charging UNITAB for the use of New South Wales racing information for the purpose of wagering. Product Co today approved the payment of \$652,488 to UNITAB, as a result of the New South Wales Race Fields Legislation and charges passed on by UNITAB for the month of September.

Recently, the three codes in Queensland were briefed by Mr Mike Kelly in relation to the implementation of Race Fields Legislation in Queensland. It is understood that it is the State Government's intention to introduce Queensland legislation retrospectively to be effective from September 1, 2008. On the basis that our understanding is correct, this will go a long way to offsetting the significant costs already being borne by the three racing codes in Queensland.

In addition, it is also understood that there will be an opportunity to peruse the draft legislation prior to it going to Cabinet in early November.

Again, we are grateful for this opportunity, so that we are able to provide input into this legislation that we will be required to implement. Already, Mr Kelly is seeking feedback from the three codes, and at today's Product Co meeting, agreement has

been reached on a number of matters and correspondence will be provided to Mr Kelly outlining our discussions in relation to the legislation.

There are some issues still to be resolved by the three codes in Queensland surrounding the allocation of charges that occur as a result of interstate Race Fields Legislation, and the billing of wagering operators from a Queensland standpoint.

I will continue to keep your Department briefed in relation to our considerations as they relate to Race Fields Legislation.

Yours faithfully



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- Cc. Mr Bob Lette (posted)
Chairman, Harness Racing Queensland
- Cc. Mr Kerry Watson (posted)
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