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Question No. 351

Mr. McNaughton – Enquiry of the Ministry – When will the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs announce the eleven race dates that have been fixed for Dresden Raceway in 2015. April 16, 2015.

Answer:

Our government has delivered on its commitment to create a sustainable future for the horse racing industry with the Horse Racing Partnership Plan. Our five-year \$500 million plan will integrate horse racing into the province's gaming strategy

The Plan encourages the industry to grow its fan base and wagering revenues by creating and offering products consumers want. And, it provides the appropriate public support to maintain a foundation for racing, but, more importantly, it provides the industry with opportunities for growth.

This support is working - in 2014, the HRPP helped to support more than 950 race dates, making Ontario one of the top four racing jurisdictions in North America.

On May 4, 2015 the Ontario Racing Commission (ORC) released a notice to the industry that the Dresden Agricultural Society has been approved for 11 race dates in 2015 commencing May 31, 2015.

We will continue working with the horse racing industry to ensure it remains a vibrant, sustainable industry in Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Leal".

Jeff Leal
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs