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Inquiry into country football

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Mr J. Huxtable.

Mr HUXTABLE — Mr Chair, gentlemen, my name is Jack Huxtable from 5 Franklin Street, Morwell. I have had a long involvement in country football. I have been president of a club and a league, regional director of the Victorian Country Football League, president and life member of the VCFL, and a former member of the board of Football Victoria.

In response to the advertisement, I did make a submission to this inquiry back in December and I am just asking a question. I have received no formal acknowledgement of that submission. I assume it has been received because I have spoken to Kristen on the phone. I am just wondering what the modus operandi of the committee is, seeing I have had no formal acknowledgement. How will the committee consider the matters raised in personal submissions such as mine, given in response to the advertisement? What is the status of that?

The CHAIR — The secretariat copies all submissions and has provided those. For example, I have a copy of all submissions and everybody else has as well, which we have been reading. The suggestions that are made in those submissions are taken on board with the public hearings, which have the same status. When we come to writing the report and making recommendations, what will happen is that the information that is provided in the submissions and recommendations will be given to us as a committee in draft form and we will go through the actual report and redraft it and actually make recommendations. Hopefully what you will see is those recommendations reflected in the recommendations that we come up with.

I am sorry that you have not received a formal acknowledgement of the submission. We will make sure that we actually do that, for you and everybody else.

Mr HUXTABLE — I did receive a letter last Monday, advising me of the details of this meeting and an invitation to be present but, having made a submission, I thought the opportunity might have been given for those who had previously made submissions to speak to those.

The CHAIR — Yes, and that certainly was the intention of the public hearings in general.

Mr HUXTABLE — I was not included on the list of submissions, otherwise I could have spoken to the matters that I have raised. I have not come prepared to do that because I was not aware that that could happen today. I was just asking what the status of the personal submissions is and you have just answered that.

The CHAIR — That is where they are and there could be an opportunity in the future in Melbourne or somewhere else where we will be having public hearings — which you might like to talk to Kristen about — to do that, if you would like to.

Mr HUXTABLE — Thanks.

The CHAIR — Thank you.

Committee adjourned.