



Senator Marielle Smith  
Chair  
Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee  
Senate  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Smith

### **Clarification of evidence in the Estimates Official Committee Hansard of Wednesday, 14 February 2024**

I am writing to provide clarification about some of the evidence I provided in the below excerpt from Hansard following the Australian Institute of Family Studies' (AIFS) appearance at Senate Estimates on 14 February 2024.

**Senator LIDDLE:** Your corporate plan research priorities reference new trends: men and boys, refugee families, defence families, services for children and the impact of gambling and children. When is that first report due?

**Ms Neville:** There are multiple program areas that you've traversed there. Are you speaking specifically around gambling?

**Senator LIDDLE:** Let's touch on gambling. Are there specific reports due for each of those cohorts, or do you have a collective report that captures everything that comes to an end within an annual period? How does that work?

**Ms Neville:** You've spoken across our broad program areas. Each of those has its own funding requirements, specifications and deliverables. It really does vary according to the arrangement. None [underline added] of those things are driven under an appropriation or an own motion program of work.

**Senator LIDDLE:** Thank you.

**CHAIR:** I believe there are no further questions for the Australian Institute of Family Studies. Thank you for participating this evening. You are dismissed.

I would like to clarify that research into gambling related harms (conducted through the Australian Gambling Research Centre situated within AIFS) is largely funded under appropriation, unlike the other research priorities to which you refer in your question. These other priorities are generally commissioned and managed under specific funding arrangements which stipulate bespoke reporting requirements.

In relation to the activities of the Australian Gambling Research Centre, reports and snapshots published in the last calendar year are set out below.

- [Gambling participation, experience of harm and community views – an overview](#) (published March 2023)

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- [Exposure and impact of sports and race betting advertising in Australia](#) (published March 2023)
- [Community attitudes towards sports and race betting advertising in Australia](#) (published March 2023)
- [Regular pokies gambling in Australia, 2022](#) (published October 2023)
- [Regular online betting in Australia, 2022](#) (published October 2023)
- [Consumer views on emerging trends and future directions for gambling in Australia, 2022](#) (published October 2023)

The AIFS annual report provides a vehicle for summarising our research activities across all of research priorities including promoting awareness of reports completed and published over the course of the financial year.

I trust this clarification helps to assist the Committee in the performance of their important function.

Yours sincerely

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