

29 March 2017

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Dear Ms McDonald

Inquiry into the Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015

I refer to your letter dated 24 March 2017 inviting Tabcorp to comment on the photographs supplied by RWA depicting iPad devices installed at a Tabcorp store in Sydney.

The photographs supplied by RWA depict redundant fixed hardware that is no longer present in Tabcorp's retail network and that Tabcorp considers is not relevant to the issue at hand.

I can advise as follows:

- By way of clarification, Tabcorp ran a small trial in 2012 that used iPads running EBT software in a limited number of locations that included the King and George Street Agency shown in the photographs provided to the Committee.
- It is important to note that the iPad devices in question were attached to counters at the Agency and were not mobile – that is, they could not be moved by customers in the same way that Tabcorp's EBTs cannot be moved by customers. As a result, those devices were capable of being supervised while in use. I can advise that these iPads have now been removed. To provide the Committee with some context the iPads depicted in the photographs were very rarely used – in the past 12 months, only \$127 was turned over, with no turnover in the past 5 months. At the time of the Committee's hearing, Mr Hoskins and Mr McGauran were not aware that equipment used for the 2012 trial had not been removed. I am also advised that all iPads from the 2012 trial have now been removed.
- As stated at the Committee's hearing on 7 March, Tabcorp has no plans to hand out mobile devices, including iPads or iPhones, to customers in venue for the posting of live bets for the reasons outlined to the Committee, including supervision requirements under state law

Yours sincerely

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