12th July, 2011

The Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform

By email.

Dear Sirs,

This commission regulates remote gambling activity within the jurisdiction of Alderney in the British Channel Islands. Our approach to regulation has already been described briefly to the Select Committee in the submission of Dr Sally Gainsbury of Southern Cross University and Alex Blaszczynski of the University of Sydney, using publicly available material. I now attach a summary of our own description of our regime, drivers and approach to regulation, as provided recently to a similar forum working on the further development of the remote gambling regime in the United Kingdom.

The Commission's approach is critically centred on the belief that good regulation will always provide better player protection than can ever be achieved by prohibition. If you so wish, the Commission will make every effort to provide further more detailed input to your considerations in this respect, including attendance by a representative at one or more hearings (given sufficient notice, and recognising the distances involved).

Yours faithfully,

Michael Ellen Director, Licensing and Strategy.