

Ms Lyn Beverley  
Secretary  
Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform  
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Dear Ms Beverley

I refer to your letter received on 16 February 2011 seeking information from gambling regulatory bodies in relation to their functions and operations.

The ACT has a little over 5,000 approved gaming machines mainly located in community based clubs. A small number of draw poker machines (around 70, formally called 'Class B' machines) are operated by some hotels and taverns.

As regulator, the ACT Gambling and Racing Commission has all necessary powers to approve, monitor and regulate the operations of gaming machines in the ACT including the collection and verification of relevant taxes and fees. Gaming machine tax is collected monthly from licensees where their activity returns are e-mailed to the Commission for verification. As there is no centralised monitoring system this verification is undertaken by manually loading the electronic returns into the Commission's data base for assessment.

Compliance with other legislative requirements is undertaken through a system of random and regular audits conducted on licensees. Gaming machine operations, including machine activity, jackpot levels and settings such as return to player and jackpot contributions, are verified by random and regular audit as there is no centralised monitoring of machines (ie. there is no direct communication between gaming machines and a monitoring system controlled by the regulator).

In relation to data collected, the Commission obtains monthly revenue information for gaming machines as part of its tax verification role. This information is published annually as part of the Commission's annual report and financial statements. Information on the community contributions made by gaming machine licensees is collected and published annually by the Commission, along with the number of machines in each venue and their gross gaming revenue. These annual reports or publications are available from the Commission's website indicated at the bottom of this page.

The ACT has not undertaken any work relating to the implementation of pre-commitment systems.

Yours sincerely

Greg Jones  
Chief Executive

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