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Dear Ms Beverley,

### **Inquiry into interactive and online gambling and gambling advertising**

The Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation (VCGR) is the independent body responsible for the regulation of Victoria's gambling industry. Interactive gaming in Victoria is regulated under the provisions of Chapter 7 of the *Gambling Regulation Act 2003* (the Act). Section 7.1.3 of the Act defines an interactive game and section 1.3 defines a telecommunication device. No licence to date has been issued under Chapter 7 of the Act.

The VCGR is responsible for regulating the gambling activities conducted within Victoria only, and as such, we do not maintain statistics of complaints received relating to other jurisdictions including overseas internet gambling activities. Although each Australian State or Territory has its own interactive gaming legislation, there are no current restrictions on residents of Victoria playing on overseas sites.

Complaints received by the VCGR are referred to the appropriate Australian jurisdiction or to the Australian Communications and Media Authority for sites based outside of Australia. General enquiries relating to the Federal Government's *Interactive Gambling Act 2001* are referred to the Commonwealth Department of Broadband Communications and the Digital Economy.

Tabcorp Holdings Ltd holds the wagering licence in Victoria with no provision of a second licence holder. Tabcorp along with certain eligible registered bookmakers, have exclusive approval to offer sports betting in Victoria.

Section 4.7.6 of the Act makes it an offence for the wagering and betting licensee to extend credit for the placing of a bet.

Section 4.7.8 requires appropriate advertising standards are applied to any gambling advertising, in any form or by any method.

Section 4.7.10 of the Act makes it an offence for a wagering service provider to offer any, credit, voucher or reward as an inducement to open a betting account.

Public lotteries in Victoria can only be conducted by the holder of a public lotteries licence in accordance with Chapter 5 of the Act. Currently two operators, Tattersall's Sweeps Pty Ltd and Intralot Australia Pty Ltd, are licensed to sell lottery products in Victoria.

Section 5.2.9 provides that a public lottery licensee must not provide credit to a player. No restrictions exist on the use of incentives by public lottery licensees.

Questions within your letter that have not been directly addressed are not covered by the Victorian regulatory regime.

I trust this information will be of assistance.

Yours sincerely

  
**JANE BROCKINGTON**  
Executive Commissioner