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

I refer to your letter of 20 September 2011 requesting information on the role of gambling regulators particularly in relation to complaints about online gambling providers. In particular, you requested information which NSW may have on the amount and nature of online gambling providers over the past five years, handling of third party exclusions, rules around the issuing of credit, payment of third party commissions and inducements to gamble.

Over the past five years, the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing has received numerous complaints about online gambling providers. Many of these have been concerning access to offshore gambling sites. NSW has previously raised concerns about the adequacy of the regulatory restrictions provided by the Commonwealth's *Interactive Gambling Act 2001*.

I offer the following responses to the other questions raised by the Committee:

Third party exclusions

NSW does not have in place any third party exclusion arrangements for gamblers.

Issuing of credit

Credit betting on a totalisator is prohibited under section 81 of the *Totalizator Act 1997*.

Payment of commissions for third party referrals to gambling providers

No provision is made under any gambling or wagering legislation in NSW for the payment of commissions for third party referrals to gambling providers.

Inducements to gamble

Clause 12 of the *Racing Administration Regulation 2005* and clause 13 of the *Totalizator Regulation 2005* prohibit the publishing of gambling advertising that offers any credit, voucher or reward as an inducement to participate, or to participate frequently, in any gambling activity (including as an inducement to open a betting account).

Yours sincerely


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