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Inquiry into the prevention and treatment of problem gambling

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Topic: Gambling Research Australia

Senator Nick Xenophon asked:

How are the research priorities of Gambling Research Australia determined?

Answer:

In 2009, the then Ministerial Council on Gambling agreed to five research priority areas for Gambling Research Australia ('GRA'). The research continues to be structured around these priority areas, reflecting the key challenges faced by Governments:

- Helping individuals set their limits including access to cash and pre-commitment;
- Responsible gambling environments;
- Gaming machine standards – developing better consumer protection;
- A preventative and early intervention strategy targeted at those at risk of problem gambling; and
- Development of harm minimisation measures for interactive gambling.

State, territory and Australian Government officials manage GRA commissioned research, including project briefs for research based on priority areas. The Office of Gaming and Racing, within the Victorian Department of Justice, undertake the secretariat functions.