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Good Afternoon Lyn

I refer to your letter received by this Office on 29 August 2011 requesting information regarding complaints about online gambling providers.

The Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor does not maintain records regarding complaints made about online gambling providers. I can, however, provide the following information regarding the use of credit, payment of commissions for third party referrals to gambling providers and inducements to gamble:-

- Section 29 of the *Betting Control Act 1954* provides that an officer, agent (ie. a TAB agency) or employee of Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWWA) or any employee of an agent of RWWA who accepts a bet involving the provision of credit by RWWA, contrary to the provisions of section 63 of the *Racing and Wagering Western Australia Act 2003*, commits an offence (Penalty of \$5,000).
- There is no prohibition on licensed bookmakers accepting bets on credit.
- Section 24 of the *Betting Control Act 1954* provides that a person who does not hold a current bookmaker's licence who acts as a bookmaker commits an offence. In this regard, the definition of betting includes negotiating bets, receiving or paying money in connection with bets and settling bets, thereby prohibiting betting agents or third parties.
- Regulation 43 of the *Gaming and Wagering Commission Regulations 1988* provides that a person must not publish, or cause to be published, an advertisement in this State that conveys, or is likely to be understood as conveying, the existence in this State or elsewhere of a gambling operator if the advertisement contains an express or implied inducement for a person to contact the gambling operator.

I trust this information will assist with your inquiry.

Please contact me if you require any further information.

Regards

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