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Senator Cash asked:

Who are the Toneguzzo Group? How were they chosen and what have they done in relation to pre-commitment previously?

Answer:

The Toneguzzo Group is a company that specialises in technical and regulatory risk management in gambling.

A market assessment was conducted by the Department to secure technical expertise on gambling. This included receiving advice from state and territory governments who recommended the Toneguzzo Group.

Mr Toneguzzo, (Managing Director of the Toneguzzo Group) is recognised internationally as an expert in the field of gambling technology. Mr Toneguzzo pioneered pre-commitment in gaming technology in 1999 (online gambling regulations) and exported this globally when developing international regulatory frameworks for online gambling. He was engaged by the Victorian Government to advise on pre-commitment prior to the engagement with the Commonwealth Government. He has also published numerous papers on pre-commitment.