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Topic: Gambling

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Senator Bernardi asked:

Has the Department determined how the grant to the Gambling Impact Society is being spent and has the Department conducted a cost-benefit evaluation of that grant?

Answer:

Consumer Voices is a pilot program run by the Gambling Impact Society (GIS) of NSW. The community awareness sessions promote self-help and professional support and education about problem gambling. As part of the funding agreement, GIS provides an activity work plan and performance reports to track the project's progress. Monthly teleconferences are also held between FaHCSIA and GIS. A full assessment of the effectiveness of the program will be undertaken when it is completed.