

## Senate Standing Committee on Economics

### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Gambling reform and pre-commitment

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Senator Cash asked: The Commission has suggested exempting occasional gamblers who only want to play \$20 from pre-commitment through the purchase of something like a pre-paid card. How was the \$20 figure reached?

Answer:

In its report, the Commission did not prescribe an actual amount or indeed only one method for catering for the needs of occasional recreational gamblers, except to say that it should only permit modest spending (recommendation 10.4). In chapter 10, the Commission notes:

‘One option for dealing with occasional gamblers is that venues could issue them with a one-off small denomination cash card (say \$10) to use on the machine, with only minimal identification requirements.’ (page 10.27)

However, as the Commission has discussed subsequently with the Senate Select Committee, such an amount might be best thought of as being commensurate with other recreational activities that people could participate in, on a regular basis if they wished, without incurring financial stress.

