

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Topic: Gambling reform and pre-commitment

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Senator Cash asked: According to your timetable, given work has not commenced on developing standards and design features, are we not already behind schedule in implementing mandatory pre-commitment by 2016?

Answer:

In the original timetable recommended by the Commission, initial work would have commenced in 2010.

The first step of the Commission's timetable recommended in the inquiry report was for all governments to specify the design features, common standards and protocols for gaming machines and central monitoring systems.

Given the time that has passed, a faster resolution of these issues would be required.