

# **Final Report**

## **Poker Machine (Reduced Losses - Interim Measures) Bill 2009 and Protecting Problem Gamblers Bill 2009**

### **Referral of inquiry**

On 19 November 2009 the Senate, on the recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee, referred the Poker Machine (Reduced Losses – Interim Measures) Bill 2009 and Protecting Problem Gamblers Bill 2009 to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 18 March 2010. On 22 June 2010, the Senate granted an extension of time for reporting until 28 October 2010.

### **Conduct of inquiry**

In accordance with usual practice, the inquiry was advertised in *The Australian* and on the Internet.

The committee notes that both bills reflect draft recommendations from the Productivity Commission's draft report on Gambling released on 21 October 2009. The committee agreed not to proceed with the inquiry into the bills until the Productivity Commission's final report was publicly released. The Productivity Commission's final report on Gambling was released on 23 June 2010.

### **Conclusion**

On 19 July 2010, the Governor-General prorogued the 42nd Parliament and dissolved the House of Representatives. After due consideration, the committee has resolved not to continue its inquiry into the bills. If the bills are reintroduced in the new parliament, the Senate may again refer them to the committee for inquiry.

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