



AUSTRALIAN
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COUNCIL

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Mr Stewart Smith
Director, Committees
Parliament House, Macquarie Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Mr Smith

RE: NSW SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE IMPACT OF GAMBLING -
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

The Australian Wagering Council (AWC) provides the following response to the three supplementary questions lodged by the Select Committee on Gambling.

Question 1 - Could you supply a draft copy of proposed package of reforms? (Pg 55)

The proposed package of integrated legislative and non-legislative reforms to the *Interactive Gambling Act 2001* (IGA) is awaiting final endorsement by AWC members.

Question 2 - How many active customers? (Pg 57)

It is estimated that there are approximately 2 million active customers who use an AWC licensed Australian-based online wagering operator. It should be noted that some customers may have a separate account with a number of online wagering operators.

Question 3 - Can you supply a draft copy of the proposed protocol? (Pg 61)

AWC members believe a prudent and consistent approach to providing deferred settlement facilities (**DSF**) should be adopted with clearly defined responsible gambling principles ensuring consumer protection and harm minimization measures are strengthened.

The proposed Code of Practice is awaiting final endorsement by AWC members and it has recently been brought to the attention of the AWC that it may need to be approved by regulators. The AWC is seeking further advice in this regard.

Yours sincerely

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