

Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

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Question: From a Treasury perspective, has any work been done on the impact of pre-commitment technologies and programs on revenue streams for State and Territory governments? If so, is that work available to the committee?

Topic: Problem Gambling

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Answer:

The Treasury has not undertaken comprehensive modelling of the effects of the proposed reforms on the wider economy. The Government has commissioned an independent study on the impacts of a reduction in problem gambling on other revenue flows and individual spending behaviour which is expected to provide more information on the economy-wide impacts of the proposed reforms.

The Department has undertaken some basic calculations of a range of possible impacts which the proposed reforms could have on the revenue streams of State and Territory governments.

The calculations are based on assumptions of different sized effects and are of a basic and exploratory nature. They do not provide information on the possible impacts of the reforms on the wider economy.