

Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

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Question: Further to that question and now talking as Andrew Wilkie MP not as Andrew Wilkie Chair, one of the details in my agreement with the Prime Minister is in fact that the government will do modelling basically of the money – where it goes and where it might go with the introduction of mandatory pre-commitment. You are not aware of any such modelling occurring in Treasury yet?

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 that the proposed reforms could have on the revenue streams of State and Territory governments. The calculations are based on assumptions of different effects and are of an exploratory nature. The calculations do not include modelling the effects of these scenarios on the wider economy and do not take into account changes in individuals' spending behaviour as a result of the reforms.