

# NOTICE OF QUESTION

## Question No. 29 of 2024

### Legislative Council

ASKED BY: Hon Meg Webb MLC

ANSWERED BY: Hon Leonie Hiscutt MLC, the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council

#### QUESTION:

(1) Detail the number, mode and locations of any interactions between any hospitality sector representatives, gaming industry representatives and Minister Michael Ferguson, or the Minister's office, which pertained to the mandatory pre-commitment gaming card reforms, and which occurred over the last 18 months.

(2) Detail the number, mode and locations of any interactions between any hospitality sector representatives, gaming industry representatives and Finance Minister Nic Street, or the Minister's office, which pertained to the mandatory pre-commitment gaming card reforms.

#### ANSWER:

Tasmanian Government Ministers engage regularly with parties who have an interest in portfolio issues, and this includes stakeholders pertaining to the implementation of a mandatory card-based system for electronic gaming machines.

Ministerial diary information is routinely disclosed on a three monthly basis, and this information is publicly available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website.

The Government committed to delivering a number of poker machine harm reduction initiatives in our 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future, including:

- the introduction of a mandatory player card gaming system for electronic gaming machines as soon as reasonably practical;
- providing an additional \$100 000 to promote awareness of the Tasmanian Gambling Exclusion Scheme, which includes third party exclusion;
- engaging with venues interested in implementing facial recognition technology as means of identifying excluded persons;
- examining the option of implementing Automatic Responsible Gambling Systems; and
- requiring relevant employees to undertake a Responsible Conduct of Gambling course every two years, instead of the current requirement of every five years.

The Government remains committed to implementing a mandatory card-based system for electronic gaming machines as soon as reasonably practical.

APPROVED NOT APPROVED



Nic Street MP  
Minister for Finance

Date: 24 July 2024