

# QUESTION ON NOTICE

Question No. 92 of 2024

Legislative Council

ASKED BY: Meg Webb MLC

ANSWERED BY: Leonie Hiscutt MLC

## QUESTION:

Noting the Deloitte Access Economics (DEA) Electronic Gaming Machines policy impact review work program phases document tabled in the Legislative Council on Tuesday the 29th of October 2024, can the government:

1. Detail:
  - a. the dates on which the tabled work program was agreed, commenced and expected to be completed?;
  - b. provide the specific dates of actual, or expected, commencement and, actual or expected completion, for each of the detailed Phase 1, Phase 2, Phase 3, Phase 4 and Phase 5?;
2. Provide the:
  - a. specific stakeholders referred to DEA for consultation as referenced in Phase 1?;
  - b. the number of consultation sessions referred to under Phase 1, and number of stakeholders involved in each session as referenced in Phase 1;
  - c. the number of regional venues approached, and those actually involved in consultation, and the region in which they are located, as referred to under Phase 1;
3. Detail whether:
  - a. the draft report has been provided to the Department of State Growth, as per Phase 5, or if not, the date by which the draft report is expected to be provided to DSG?
  - b. the draft report has, or will be, provided to key stakeholders prior to public release?
4. Provide and detail:
  - a) the objectives referred to under Phase 5?;
  - b) the Purpose and Terms referred to under Phase 5?; and

5. Provide the estimated total cost for the DAE contract for the EGM policy review, including whether payment is to be upon receipt of the final report, or whether payment will occur in instalments, and if so the expected schedule of any such payments?

## ANSWER:

I am advised that - while the Deloitte Access Economics Social and Economic Impact review of the proposed reforms to Electronic Gaming Machine (EGM) use in Tasmania will be conducted in phases, the phases overlap and are not distinct. Therefore, the Government is unable to provide specific dates by Phase. However, the Government provides this information based on the entire scope of works.

I am advised that -

1. The work program was agreed in September 2024, commenced in the first week of October 2024, and is anticipated to be completed in December 2024.
2. Stakeholder groups will include community service providers, Government Departments, venue operators and industry representatives. The Department of State Growth (the Department) has requested a balance of stakeholder views, with a maximum of eight specific stakeholder sessions.
3. The Department has not received a draft report as per phase 5. The Department expects the report to be provided in December 2024. The Government has already committed to providing the report publicly.
4. Today I table the Deloitte's standard terms and conditions for the purpose and terms referenced under Phase 5.
5. All contracts including consultancy over \$50,000 are disclosed annually in the Department Annual Report. Payment will be made as follows:
  - 50% of the agreed fees on commencement of the work,
  - 25% on delivery of the draft report, and
  - 25%, plus any additional expenses incurred, upon finalization of all deliverables.
6. The Government commits to publicly releasing the final report.

APPROVED/NOT APPROVED

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jane Howlett', written in a cursive style.

Jane Howlett MP  
**Minister for Hospitality and Small Business**

Date: 28 November 2024