



STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMY AND GENDER AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY
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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
QUESTION ON NOTICE

JOHNATHAN DAVIS MLA: To ask the Minister for Gaming

Ref: ACT Gambling and Racing Commission (Statement of Intent), Budget paper B, page number 116,
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In relation to: Central Monitoring Systems

1. I understand that other jurisdictions have implemented central monitoring systems to assist people with gambling issues. Considering that, what opportunities and barriers are there to getting central monitoring systems in the ACT?

Shane Rattenbury MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

A Central Monitoring System (CMS) is a system used to monitor the operation and performance of gaming machines. A CMS is typically used to facilitate the assessment and collection of gambling taxes.

A CMS is not primarily a gambling harm reduction measure. These systems allow regulators to have better oversight over the gaming machines in operation by, for example, ensuring that only gaming machines authorised for use and listed on an authorisation schedule for a venue are in operation at the venue. These systems also assist tax administration by collecting data about gaming machine revenue directly from gaming machine log files.

Consideration of the opportunities and barriers to implementing a CMS requires detailed assessment of potential benefits, costs and cost savings for government and licensees, an appropriate operating model and stakeholder consultation. This work will be included in the analysis to inform implementation of the ACT Government's commitments to reduce gambling harm.

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By the Minister for Gaming, Shane Rattenbury MLA