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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Mark Parton MLA on Monday, 22 August 2022: Shane Rattenbury MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MR PARTON: Look, I mean, I can just sort of wind that discussion up. In regards to that broader discussion paper, surely the government has information on the percentage of individual spins in the ACT that are made at a level above \$5. Because, you know, so much of what we are doing here, in regards to the reduction of gambling harm, is to protect people who are spinning at above \$5 per bet.

The government must know what percentage of spins—because I have got a fair idea based on the conversations that I have had. Are you able to enlighten me on that?

Mr Rattenbury: I will see if Ms Chan, from the Gambling Racing Commission, is able to assist with that, Mr Parton.

Ms Chan: We do have, I guess, a range of information. I suppose with the money laundering aspect, there is a number of sorts of information that we do look at.

Our role related to money laundering would be, I guess, to liaise with the appropriate regulatory bodies. But—so there is something that we do have a close interest in, particularly, I guess, with the casino part of its integrity program, that our responsibility is in that space to monitor it.

So money laundering more generally is something that is of interest to regulators across the country. It would be where there are some inquiries going on. So it is something that is of interest to us. And it is a space that we are watching closely, if there is any tools that helps in the monitoring of that, or the catching of that, that is obviously something we are very interested in.

MR PARTON: All right. The question that we were actually on was what percentage of individual spins in the ACT are made at a level above \$5? That is what we were focusing on at this stage. And I appreciate your answer to the money laundering question. But I am just wondering whether there is anyone in the room who can provide information on that.

Mr Rattenbury: We will take that question on notice for you, Mr Parton.

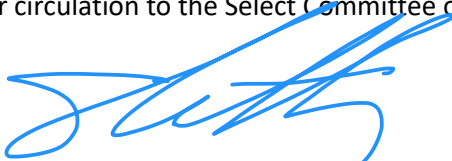
Shane Rattenbury MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

There is no legislative reporting requirement for venues to report on individual spins. Accordingly, the Gambling and Racing Commission does not have access to machine level data from venues at the level of detail required to report on individual spins or sessions of play.

The 2019 ACT Gambling Survey examined attitudes towards maximum bet limits on Electronic Gaming Machines and found that 49.4% of the ACT adult population believed that the maximum bet limit should be changed. For those who believed the limit should be changed, the average suggested limit was \$6.92.

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By the Minister for Gaming, Shane Rattenbury MLA