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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Gaming

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In relation to: Times CMS cabinet paper has gone before cabinet

Hearing Date: 2 August 2024

QTON lodgement date: 5 August 2024

Answer Due Date: 8 August 2024

DR PATERSON: Minister, what have you done in the last four years to reduce gambling harm for families in the ACT as minister?

Mr Rattenbury: I have worked incredibly hard to put in place this system.

DR PATERSON: It is not in place. We are so far from it.

Mr Rattenbury: We are far from it, and that is because it is being stalled in the government decision-making process. I would go so far as to say that my cabinet paper has been given a go-slow treatment. You can see from the FOI how many times that has gone before the cabinet, how long it has been—

DR PATERSON: How many times has it gone before the cabinet, and what dates?

Mr Rattenbury: I would have to check. I will have to take the number on notice, and I will have to check that.

DR PATERSON: Because the last time we spoke in the hearing, you said once you brought the proposal last year in November.

Mr Rattenbury: If we include the subcommittees, I can give you those numbers, but since September last year I have had this proposition before government.

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

The ACT Government agreed to investigate the interest and capability to deliver and operate a Central Monitoring System for ACT Electronic Gaming Machines on 22 November 2023.

The Open Access Cabinet Decision Summary for this item has been published on the Open Government website: https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/open_government/inform/cabinet-decisions/decisions/2023,-week-of/20-november-2023

Cabinet date: 22 November 2023

Implementing a Central Monitoring System (CMS) for ACT Electronic Gaming Machines (EGMs)

Minute Number: 23/070/CAB

Cabinet agreed the Justice and Community Safety Directorate further investigate the interest and capability to deliver and operate a Central Monitoring System for ACT Electronic Gaming Machines.

If a Central Monitoring System is implemented, it is expected to have wellbeing impacts in the economy and governance and institutions domains, however, may also have wellbeing impacts in the health, living standards, social connection and time wellbeing domains.

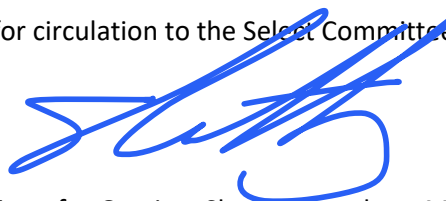
The requirement to publish open access decision summaries is outlined in Section 23 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016*.

At this time, I am not in a position to disclose any further information on the date/s of consideration by Cabinet because, in accordance with the conventions of Cabinet, Ministers are not to make public statements about items on the Cabinet agenda that may pre-empt Cabinet's deliberations.

However, prior to this consideration by Cabinet in November 2023, the government released a discussion paper, *Lowering bet and credit limits for electronic gaming machines*, on 29 April 2022 that canvassed the proposal for a central monitoring system. A Listening Report published on 27 September 2022 outlined feedback from the discussion paper. The discussion paper and other initial research and analysis work was supported by funding allocated in the 2021-22 and 2022-23 Budgets, and carried forward into the 2023-24 and 2024-25 Budgets.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025

Signature:



Date:

8/8/24

By the Minister for Gaming, Shane Rattenbury MLA