



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Chief Minister

Redirected to: Minister for Gaming Reform

In relation to: Casino definition

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MS CARRICK: Yesterday we learned that the definition of a casino is the floor plan of the casino. Why does our legislation have the floor plan of the casino as the definition of a casino as opposed to the undertakings of a venue?

Mr Barr: Okay, that is an interesting question. I will seek some advice on that and come back to the committee.

MS CARRICK: Thank you.

DR MARISA PATERSON MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The *Casino Control Act 2006* regulates the undertaking through defining the activities that the casino licensee is permitted to undertake at the physical location designated as the casino, which is defined by its floor plan. The activities the casino is permitted to undertake are the authorised games declared under section 95. Casino games are otherwise prohibited in the ACT because there can be only one casino licence and planning laws prevent a casino from operating anywhere other than the block on which the casino is located.

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Consequently, the legislation does in fact define the casino by reference to the activities the casino licensee is permitted to undertake.

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By the Minister for Gaming Reform, Dr Marisa Paterson MLA