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ACT Legislative Assembly  
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Dear Mr Smyth

In response to the request from the Secretary of the Estimates Committee Ms Kate Harkins I am providing the following statement with regard to comments I have provided to the Canberra Times.

On 22 June 2016, I understand that Mr Mick Gentleman Minister for Gaming & Racing responded to questions from you, as Chair of the Select Committee on Estimates regarding the Government introducing legislation that would allow the casino to operate poker machines.

On 10 May 2016, ClubsACT attended a meeting with the Chief Minister. The attendees were as follows:

- Chief Minister Mr Andrew Barr
- Minister for Gaming and Racing Mr Mick Gentleman
- Mr David Dawes Director-General CMTEDD
- Mr Daniel Landon Senior Advisor to Andrew Barr
- Advisor (uncertain of name)
- Mr Gwyn Rees Chief Executive ClubsACT
- Ms Louize Glenn Policy Manager ClubsACT (note taker)

Ms Glenn's notes and my recollection of the discussion relating to the introduction of the proposed legislation allowing the casino to operate poker machines, is as follows:

*Chief Minister:*

*"We are looking at taking the legislation to the assembly in August. Not in June, not in budget week. We will look at starting dates for this year. The license won't be activated until after the building is completed."*

Should I be required, I am available to make further comment.

Yours Sincerely



Gwyn Rees  
Chief Executive