



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

Asked by JOHNATHAN DAVIS MLA:

Ref: ACT Gambling and Racing Commission (Statement of Intent), Budget paper B, page number 116, output class 1.1

In relation to: ACT Gambling Survey

1. What kind of evidence base is the Minister drawing on for the work done on gambling, and how the impact of regulation will be measured? Is the ACT Gambling Survey an ongoing project?

MINISTER CHEYNE: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. Part 3 of the *Gambling and Racing Control Act 1999* details the role of the Commission in dealing with the social effects of gambling. This includes responsibility to monitor the social and economic effects of gambling and gambling harm in the ACT, including the need for counselling and other services.

Research is commissioned and sourced from a number of areas including:

- The Australian National University Centre for Gambling Research which was jointly established by the Commission and the ANU in 2002;
- Membership of Gambling Research Australia
- Projects funded through the Gambling Harm Prevention and Mitigation Fund (guided by the Commission's Research Agenda 2021-2024) and
- Membership of the National Association of Gambling Studies.

The ACT Gambling Survey has been conducted at 5-year intervals since 2009 by the ANU Centre for Gambling Research, funded by the Commission. The next survey is due to be conducted in 2024.

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By the Minister for Business and Better Regulation, Tara Cheyne MLA