



Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Inquiry into Cashless Gaming in the ACT **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Mr Peter Cain on 27 March 2024: The Minister for Gaming took on notice the following question:

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In relation to:

THE CHAIR: Actually, witness. Just touching on a comment you made about, as is publicly notified, we have Clubs ACT and Canberra Community Clubs in front of us as witnesses this afternoon. You seem to have isolated Clubs ACT.

Mr Rattenbury: I was just being illustrative, Mr Cain.

THE CHAIR: As a commentary?

Mr Rattenbury: They are very influential. I did not mean to unfairly single them out. I just know they would be someone who would have an opinion.

THE CHAIR: Do you think Labor Club of ACT would have the same opinion?

Mr Rattenbury: I do not know what their opinion would be. If the committee wants to call them, you would have to ask them their opinion yourselves. I think it would be most appropriate—

THE CHAIR: Yet you are willing to express an opinion about what Clubs ACT will submit.

Mr Rattenbury: That is a fair point. I was simply seeking to illustrate a view. I do not know a specific—the Labor Club is a specific club. I was talking about Clubs ACT as a representative.

THE CHAIR: The Labor Club Group, obviously, is a group.

Mr Rattenbury: Yes, sure, but they are still an operator. Clubs ACT, as the industry representative group, tends to be a group that expresses policy on behalf of—

THE CHAIR: Of a group of clubs, just like the Labor Club is for a group of clubs, as is Canberra Community Clubs.

Mr Rattenbury: Indeed.

THE CHAIR: Your statements about what Clubs ACT would possibly advocate—would you apply that as well to the Labor Club group and to the Canberra Community Clubs?

Mr Rattenbury: I will correct my statement for your interest, then, Mr Cain. What I should have said is you should ask poker machine operators what they think of this. That is perhaps a better phrasing for you.

THE CHAIR: You are withdrawing your earlier implication that Clubs ACT alone would be advocating for higher limits?

Mr Rattenbury: If that makes you feel better, Mr Cain, yes, I will. I was simply making the observation.

THE CHAIR: No, you are making the withdrawal. I am just clarifying what you are withdrawing.

Mr Rattenbury: I am offering the clarification that what I should have said is ask poker machine operators their views on these questions, and I am sure this will be their views.

THE CHAIR: You are withdrawing your earlier assertion about the Clubs ACT view?

Mr Rattenbury: If you wish.

THE CHAIR: No, are you? That is your call, minister.

Mr Rattenbury: I would have to check the transcript, Mr Cain. I think you may be paraphrasing me.

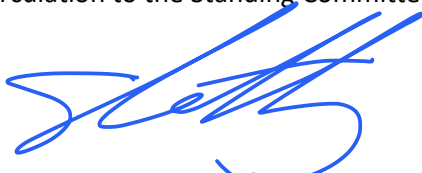
THE CHAIR: Could you take that on notice and get back to this committee as to—

Minister for Gaming: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

As explained, I used an illustrative example that referred to Clubs ACT.

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