



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Gaming Reform

In relation to: Decrease in gambling revenue

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Mr Daniel Ng took on notice the following question(s):

MR WERNER-GIBBINGS: Okay. So table 3.5.2, so page 170. Gaming tax revenue projected to decline slightly from 42 million in this financial year to less than 39 million by 29-30, even as overall gambling tax revenue grows. Does this reflect the government's poker machine reduction policies taking effect, or—

Mr Ng: Mr Werner-Gibbings, we might best take that on notice. Those projections are produced by the ACT Treasury, and so could provide some information about how they come to that projection.

Dr Marisa Paterson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

These projections take into account the previous policies and initiatives to reduce electronic gaming machines which have already been implemented, such as previous voluntary surrender schemes and the forfeiture framework for the trading of electronic gaming machine authorisations. However, the slight decline in projected gaming tax revenue by 2029/30 does not reflect the impact of Government's commitment to reduce electronic gaming machines in the ACT to 1000 by 2045, which has not yet been implemented.

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Signature:

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By the Minister for Gaming Reform, Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

