

Department of Internal Affairs

Gambling Compliance Unit

Casino Compliance Unit



Purpose of the Gambling Act

- Control the growth of gambling
- Prevent and minimise harm
- Authorise some gambling, prohibit the rest
- Facilitate responsible gambling
- Ensure the integrity and fairness of the games
- Limit opportunities for crime or dishonesty
- Ensure money from gambling benefits the community
- Facilitate community involvement



Regulatory Responsibilities

- Investigate and prosecute offences against the Gambling Act, and crimes of dishonesty that involve or relate to gambling
- Set minimum operating standards, game rules, and licence conditions
- Set minimum standards for gambling equipment
- Inspect and audit licensed Societies, class 4 venues, and casinos
- Approve and review associated persons and certificate of approval holders
- Provide advice on gambling policy



Classes of Gambling

Class 1 & 2

- Low stake, low risk
- No licence required
- \$500 maximum prize money for class 1
- \$5000 maximum prize money and \$25,000 maximum potential turnover for class 2

Class 3

- Medium turnover and risk
- Operator's licence required
- Prize money exceeds \$5000



Classes of gambling (continued)

Class 4

- High turnover, high risk
- Operator and venue licences required
- Gaming machines

Casino Gambling

- High turnover, high risk
- Casino operator's licence required
- Gaming machines and table games

Gambling conducted by the Lotteries Commission



Functions of Inspectors

- Inspecting, monitoring, and auditing the conduct of all forms of gambling
- Inspecting, monitoring, and auditing the counting of money and chips
- Investigating complaints from members of the public
- Detecting, investigating, and prosecuting offences against the Act and crimes of dishonesty that involve or relate to gambling - (licensed operator or any other person)



Functions of Inspectors

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- Auditing societies, businesses operating at class 4 venues, and grant recipients to determine compliance with the Gambling Act
- Liaising and co-operating with other enforcement agencies
- Reporting to the Gambling Commission and the Secretary



Offences (General)

- S.15 - Provides credit for gambling
- S.16 - Advertises overseas gambling
- S.19 - Illegal gambling – participates in / conducts / allows premises, etc.
- S. 301 - Age re instant games (18)
- S. 312 - Breach of exclusion order
- S. 346 - Obstructing Gambling Inspector



Offences (Specific to class 4)

- S. 82 - Display of information at class 4 venue
- S. 83 – Obligation on disposal of gaming machines
- S. 84 – Bank note acceptors
- S. 104 – Banking requirements
- S. 118 – Seeking, receiving, or offering benefits with conditions
- S. 302 – Age restriction on class 4 gambling (18)



Offences (Specific to Casinos)

- S. 170 – Restriction on holder of certificate of approval
- S. 175 – Display of information for customers
- S. 179 – Obligation on disposal of gaming machines
- S. 303 - Age restriction in casinos (20)
- S. 351 – Cheating
- S. 352 – Being in possession of equipment for cheating
- s. 353 – Counterfeit chips (possession / supply etc)



Inspectors powers

- **S. 304 - Power to require particulars (for offences under sections 301 – 303)**
- **S. 333 - Power to require information or documents**
- **S. 334 - Power to enter and demand information (class 4 operator or venue licence holder)**
- **S. 335 – Power to seize equipment in casino**
- **S. 336 - Power to seize equipment in public place**



Powers contd.

- S. 338 – Power to issue infringement notice
- S. 340 - Gambling Act search warrant
- S. 339 - Authority for Police to exercise Gambling Inspectors powers
- S. 344 Police have usual powers to arrest persons at time of executing search warrant
- S. 361 Evidence of gambling



Technology

Electronic Monitoring System (EMS) attached to every machine in Class 4 venues. Information collected includes:

- The amount of money gambled on machines
- The amount required to be banked at the end of the week
- The location and number of machines
- Gaming machine usage – dates / times etc.
- Machine faults and tampering



Relevancy to you

Key persons / certificate of approval holders

- Sharing intelligence on persons of interest

Harm Prevention and Minimisation

- Primary activity of class 4 venue must not be gambling
- Access issues

Illegal gambling / money laundering

- Suspects may be involved in other illegal activity
- Operating gaming machines after venue closed to public

Theft / Fraud to feed gambling habit



Questions ?

