



## GBG NEWSLETTER - 26TH MAY 2023

### Engagement with DCMS on the White Paper

Earlier in the week Peter attended a Ministerial round table with Bingo Association and BACTA representatives, then yesterday the GBG Exec met with the DCMS land-based team to discuss some of the WP proposals in more detail:

#### 80/20 change

- DCMS have asked us to collect modelling information from Members as to the impact the change from 80/20 to 50/50 will have on cabinets, infills and handheld/tablet devices. They are separately asking BACTA/Bingo Association to do the same and for us to share results. We will be sending out a short questionnaire to our B2C members in the coming days about this and other issues from the White Paper.
- They stressed they want to implement something that will be beneficial to the industry and that none of the land-based proposals are intended to be business negative.

### Cat D cash payout slot machines

- DCMS plan to consult on how they can build on the current BACTA voluntary code of practice (preventing under 18 to use these machines unsupervised) and will be looking at how protections can be put in place. They are keen to know how big a part these machines play in businesses now.
- We are looking into the implications of this proposal as adding such restrictions to FEC entitlements is not a simple change to make.

### Casinos

- DCMS confirmed the proposals around parity for 1968 casinos would require secondary legislation whilst primary legislation would be required for removing the prohibition on giving credit to high end customers, for allowing more games on electronic terminals and for sandbox testing of new concepts.

### Advertising and marketing

- The Gambling Commission is still formulating the scope of the consultations but remote gambling will be the primary focus of many of the proposals.

### Timescales

- Nothing concrete yet although DCMS is keen to get consultations out before summer recess.

Separately, all of the GBG Groups and Working Groups have now had initial discussions about the proposals allocated to them, (with the exception of the Linked Jackpots Working Group which will take place soon), and actions are being taken forward. DCMS has confirmed that they will be attending the GBG Board meeting in July.

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## WALKSAFE

Many of you will be familiar with the [WalkSafe](#) products – either through having seen their presentation at the GBG High Street Hub at ICE or having engaged directly with them. We have negotiated a discounted rate for GBG members who want to make use of their Crime Analysis services - mention GBG membership in your discussions with them.

## LEO CHARALAMBIDES

Welcome to Leo Charalambides, a barrister with extensive licensing expertise who has recently joined the GBG and is a welcome addition to the GBG's Licensing Group. He is also a Fellow of the Institute of Licensing, thus building on our partnership with the IOL.

## KEY MEETINGS FOR EARLY JUNE

- 1 June GBG's MSA members are piloting GamCare's Safer Gambling Interactions training course. We will be sharing feedback on this training with all members in due course.
  - 5 June GBG MSA Group
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- 14 June – Poppleston Allen/GBG speaking at the IOL's summer conference

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