

Gambling Business Group meet with Labour shadow minister for gambling

POLITICS

The **Gambling Business Group** has met with shadow gambling minister Stephanie Peacock in order to share their hopes and concerns for the future of the industry, ahead of what may be a major shift of power in Westminster.

The Gambling Business Group held a constructive meeting with the shadow minister for sport, gambling and media last week, as the organisation continues its strategy to build meaningful engagement with legislators.

The GBG met remotely with Stephanie Peacock on 4 March, with the subjects of discussion covering regulation, the impact of the White Paper, and concerns regarding proposed regulatory measures.

"We had invited her to ICE to the High Street Hub but she had clashes, so unfortunately could not attend, but

she had asked for a briefing about ICE and us," said GM Charlotte Meller.

"This was followed up by a 1-2-1 meeting by Teams last Monday."

According to the GBG, topics discussed during the meeting were varied, including an overview of the GBG, how the group engages with other trade bodies, reflections on the White Paper, and engagement with local authorities.

The group also raised the need for a new Triennial Review, as well as the creation of an Ombudsman, adding, "this is an opportunity to improve the reputation of the industry, hence it's



vital to get it right."

Concerns regarding the mandatory levy and the 0.4 percent figure for some land based operators were also raised, while GBG representatives updated Peacock on the controversial and under-fire Gambling Survey for Great Britain methodology, the recommendations of the independent review - which are still to be accepted by the Gambling Commission - and the proposed next steps.

Following the meeting, the GBG provided additional information that Peacock requested on the subjects discussed, and "agreed to keep lines of communication open."

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