

GBG NEWSLETTER – 29th APRIL 2024



GBG's MONTHLY MEETING WITH DCMS LAND BASED TEAM

The key points to note from last week's discussions are:

- DCMS officials would not be drawn on where they were in terms of the write around process but said they hope to publish their response to the Land Based consultation "soon" and then said "the coming weeks"
- The document, when published will include their responses to all elements contained in that consultation from last summer (including cashless even though that has a proposed later implementation date) and the relevant Statutory Instruments
- DCMS have provided feedback to BGC on their latest draft of the Ombudsman's Code of Conduct. We will continue to liaise with BGC colleagues on next steps

RESPONSE TO THE CULTURE MEDIA SPORT SELECT COMMITTEE'S REPORT

[Gambling Regulation: The Government's response to the Committee's Report](#) was published last week setting out the Government's response to each of the Committee's recommendations which were [published](#) December 2023. Those recommendations included timescales for implementation of the White Paper, online protections, black market, advertising, children & young people, RPT and a Gambling

Ombudsman. Page 13 sets out the Government's response to the land based gambling recommendations namely cashless payments, monitoring the impact of the White Paper changes and Cumulative Impact Assessments.

LORDS DEBATE ON GAMBLING ADVERTISING

A [Lords debate](#) last week led by Lord Foster of Bath on “The impact of gambling advertising, marketing and sponsorship on problem gambling, and in particular the risk of exposure to gambling advertising on children” saw a number of references made to the new GSGB figures without the caution that the Commission said would be applied. The Cross Industry Scrutiny Group will discuss this at its next meeting.

WELCOME CLMS

We are delighted to welcome new members, Simon Barff and colleagues from CLMS to the Gambling Business Group.

ACT IN A BOX EXERCISES

Members may be interested to look at ACT in a BOX, launched by the National Counter Terrorism Security Office which is an interactive **exercising experience**

which enables businesses to rehearse and explore their response to fictional terrorist incidents at or near their premises.. <https://matomo.protectuk.police.uk/30bec4>

FORTHCOMING GBG MEETINGS

Some of the key meetings in the first half of May include:

- 2 May - GBG Exec attending the next Cross Industry Scrutiny Group meeting
- 7 May - GBG Exec and BH&HPA
- 8 May - GBG Machines Group

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