



## **GBG NEWSLETTER 17 OCTOBER 2024**

### **GAMBLING SURVEY FOR GREAT BRITAIN**

We have agreed and signed up to a cross-industry action plan for engaging with the Commission, DCMS and other stakeholders about the GSGB and are pleased to say that the Commission has agreed to meet the cross-industry group to discuss the huge differences between the industry participation data and the figures published in the GSGB (date tbc).

### **GMTS**

Following the recent pre consultation with the Commission its proposed changes to the Gaming Machine Technical Standards, the Commission will be setting up meetings with each of the trade bodies to discuss their submissions (date tbc).

### **INDUSTRY CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE USE OF ATMs AND ATRs IN LICENSED GAMBLING PREMISES**

An additional paragraph has been added to this Code of Conduct to reflect the Commission's guidance around the use of credit cards. The latest version (September 2024) can be found on the Members' Area of the website.

### **DCMS SECTOR NATIONAL ECONOMIC ESTIMATES**

DCMS has recently updated its economic estimates for each of its policy areas including measuring the economic contribution and productivity of the [UK Gambling sector](#). The report covers the period of 2011 to 2021, tracking a decade of business activity and therefore it is starting to reflect some of the impacts of the Covid pandemic on employment and Gross Value Added.

## **INCREASED DBS FEES**

Subject to Ministerial approval the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) is planning to change the cost of DBS checks from 2nd December 2024 as indicated:

- Enhanced: £49.50
- Standard: £21.50
- Update Service: £16.00
- Basic: £21.50

The fee changes will be finalised after the proposal is laid in Parliament next month.

## **TOURISM ALLIANCE SURVEY**

You may have already seen that the UK's four Tourism Alliances have commissioned a [joint survey](#) to capture a UK-wide picture of the economic and policy environment that tourism and hospitality businesses are operating in. They would welcome additional submissions to the short survey which closes on 1 November.

## **PRIVATE MEMBERS BILL**

Only one gambling related Bill was successful in the Private Members Bill Ballot – Wendy Chamberlain, MP for NE Fife has today presented a Bill to remove monetary limits on proceeds from the mandatory conditions of lottery operating licences, and for connected purposes. The Gambling Act 2005 (Monetary Limits for Lotteries) Bill will be read for the second time on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

## **GBG MEMBERSHIP TERMS OF REFERENCE**

We have drawn up a ToR setting out what you will get for being Members of GBG and how the GBG Exec can support you. The document is available in the Members' Area of the website and a copy will be sent out with the membership invoices next month.

## **GBG MEETINGS FOR 2025**

Amanda will shortly be sending out meeting dates for 2025. You will receive a calendar invite for the first meeting of any of the working groups that you are involved, and the invite will also list the proposed dates for the rest of the year, which you may want to pencil in diaries. Actual calendar invites will be issued as we progress through the year to ensure we are only holding meetings when there are pertinent issues to discuss.

## **KEY MEETINGS FOR REST OF OCTOBER**

- 22 October – Peter will be attending ACOS
- 22 October – Exec to attend OPSS Expert Panel – Age Restrictions
- 23 October – Exec regular meeting with DCMS' land-based gambling team (DCMS officials confirmed this week that the Minister is still considering options and having various introductory meetings)
- 29 October – GBG Licensing Group