

# GBG NEWSLETTER – 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025



## UPDATE FROM GBG's MEETING WITH THE LAND-BASED TEAM AT DCMS (18 JUNE)

1. Officials were appreciative of the recent GBG/DCMS meeting to discuss the implications of at proposed Cat D stakes and prizes review , they found it very useful session. Thanks to colleagues from Crown and Inspired for their detailed contributions in the meeting.
2. Whilst DCMS were unable to give a definitive timescale for when the “summer” consultation on Cat D and bingo changes will be published, they expect it to be a 12-week consultation, and they are very keen on receiving evidence-based responses.
3. [The Draft Casinos \(Gaming Machines and Mandatory Conditions\) Regulations 2025](#) were debated in the Commons on Monday 16th June (and [approved on the 17<sup>th</sup>](#)) and in the [Lords Grand Committee on the 17<sup>th</sup> June](#). Once approved by the Lords (expected to be next Monday), the Minister will sign the SI, and the DCMS will lay the other 2 regulations (listed below). They aim to do this by 1 July, with all secondary legislation coming into force by 22<sup>nd</sup> July.
  1. the Gambling Act 2005 (Commencement No. 6 and Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Order and the
  2. the Gambling Act 2005 (Premises Licences and Provisional Statements) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations
4. As you will have seen the Commission has already published [some guidance](#), but more is expected between the 1<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> July. DCMS have also committed to responding to questions submitted by GBG and we will share that information on receipt.

5. DCMS is closely monitoring the recent “concerning” [BBC investigation](#) and the [Early Day Motion from Dawn Butler, MP](#) calling for more powers for Local Authorities and for aim to permit to be removed. Brent Council have also announced they are working with [the Social Market Foundation](#) to explore how to empower local authorities to understand and tackle gambling-related harm on Britain’s high streets. It is not clear whether this development will have any impact on the additional requirements of AGCs that the Minister mooted in her correspondence earlier this year.
6. Sarah Fox, Deputy Director – Gambling and Lotteries at DCMS is due to attend the GBG’s July Board meeting.

## MARTYN'S LAW

The Home Office has released a short ‘easy to follow’ video designed to help those responsible for premises and events on the scope and requirements of Martyn’s Law. To read more and watch the video at <https://matomo.protectuk.police.uk/a74e7a>

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## GMTS RESPONSE

The GBG's response to the recent consultation on the GMTS is in the Members' Area of the website (in a folder entitled GMTS). The Commission has advised that proactive engagement on their part is likely to be limited for now whilst they focus our energies and resource on analysing the responses.

If you don't already have access to the Members' area of the website, click the Members' Area button on the [GBG's home page](#) and follow the instructions. Amanda will approve your request to have access. .

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