

ACT GAMBLING AND RACING COMMISSION

Objectives

The ACT Gambling and Racing Commission is an independent statutory authority established under the *Gambling and Racing Control Act 1999* to control, supervise and regulate gambling and racing activities in the Territory.

The responsibilities of the Commission incorporate the on-going development and implementation of an integrated regulatory framework for all gambling activity in the ACT, including the Casino, machine gaming, lotteries, racing (as provided in the *Racing Act 1999*), race and sports bookmaking and interactive gambling. The Commission is also responsible for the regulatory oversight of ACTTAB Limited.

The Commission also monitors and researches the social effects of gambling and of problem gambling in the ACT.

In discharging its responsibilities, the Commission undertakes broad community consultation and performs its functions in a way that best promotes the public interest. It must, as far as practicable, promote consumer protection, minimise the possibility of criminal or unethical activity, and reduce the risks and costs to the community and individuals concerned, of problem gambling.

2001-02 Highlights

Strategic and operational issues to be pursued in 2001-02 are:

- completing reviews of a number of ACT gaming laws covering the regulation of gaming machines, bookmaking and lotteries, to ensure continued effective regulation of gambling activity;
- continuing to enhance the regulatory framework for interactive gambling, particularly through monitoring technological developments that may be used in connection with the provision of interactive gambling services;
- co-ordinating research and data collection associated with gambling and racing in the Territory;
- undertaking longitudinal research to monitor and assess the effects of preventative and harm minimisation measures implemented to address problem gambling;
- continuing a comprehensive inspection and compliance program in all areas of racing, wagering and gaming; and
- developing and enhancing the Commission's relationships with gambling regulators and law enforcement agencies in other jurisdictions, through continuing participation in national and international forums examining issues associated with gambling regulation and responsible gambling.

Gambling and Racing Commission Statement Of Financial Performance

2000-01 Budget \$'000		2000-01 Est.Outcome \$'000	2001-02 Budget \$'000	Var %	2002-03 Estimate \$'000	2003-04 Estimate \$'000	2004-05 Estimate \$'000
Revenue							
39 935	Taxes Fees and Fines	49 368	50 382	2	51 427	52 490	53 581
980	User Charges - ACT Government	980	3 733	281	3 806	3 880	3 956
13	Interest	112	109	-3	119	132	147
0	Other Revenue	170	170	-	170	170	170
25	Resources Received free of charge	0	25	#	25	25	25
40 953	Total Ordinary Revenue	50 630	54 419	7	55 547	56 697	57 879
Expenses							
1 438	Employee Expenses	1 563	1 836	17	1 841	1 852	1 863
235	Superannuation Expenses	275	321	17	323	325	327
1 982	Administrative Expenses	1 987	1 509	-24	1 532	1 555	1 579
71	Depreciation and Amortisation	5	5	-	5	5	5
7	Borrowing Costs	5	0	-100	0	0	0
37 233	Transfer Expenses	46 375	50 552	9	51 597	52 660	53 751
40 966	Total Ordinary Expenses	50 210	54 223	8	55 298	56 397	57 525
-13	Operating Result	420	196	-53	249	300	354
282	Total Equity From Start of Period	929	1 349	45	1 545	1 794	2 094
269	Total Equity At The End of Period	1 349	1 545	15	1 794	2 094	2 448

Gambling and Racing Commission Statement Of Financial Position

Budget as at 30/6/01 \$'000		Est.Outcome as at 30/6/01 \$'000	Planned as at 30/6/02 \$'000	Var %	Planned as at 30/6/03 \$'000	Planned as at 30/6/04 \$'000	Planned as at 30/6/05 \$'000
Current Assets							
851	Cash	2 104	2 351	12	2 644	2 988	3 387
0	Receivables	3 706	3 706	-	3 706	3 706	3 706
8	Other	6	6	-	6	6	6
859	Total Current Assets	5 816	6 063	4	6 356	6 700	7 099
Non Current Assets							
151	Property, Plant and Equipment	15	20	33	25	30	35
151	Total Non Current Assets	15	20	33	25	30	35
1 010	TOTAL ASSETS	5 831	6 083	4	6 381	6 730	7 134
Current Liabilities							
64	Creditors	186	186	-	186	186	186
79	Interest Bearing Liabilities	0	0	-	0	0	0
217	Employee Entitlements	273	274	..	284	294	304
0	Other Provisions	1	1	-	1	1	1
0	Other	3 730	3 730	-	3 730	3 730	3 730
360	Total Current Liabilities	4 190	4 191	-	4 201	4 211	4 221
Non Current Liabilities							
380	Employee Entitlements	292	347	19	386	425	465
1	Other Provisions	0	0	-	0	0	0
381	Total Non Current Liabilities	292	347	19	386	425	465
741	TOTAL LIABILITIES	4 482	4 538	1	4 587	4 636	4 686
269	NET ASSETS	1 349	1 545	15	1 794	2 094	2 448
REPRESENTED BY FUNDS EMPLOYED							
269	Accumulated Funds	1 349	1 545	15	1 794	2 094	2 448
269	TOTAL FUNDS EMPLOYED	1 349	1 545	15	1 794	2 094	2 448

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Cashflow Statement**

2000-01 Budget \$'000		2000-01 Est.Outcome \$'000	2001-02 Budget \$'000	Var %	2002-03 Estimate \$'000	2003-04 Estimate \$'000	2004-05 Estimate \$'000
840	CASH AT BEGINNING OF REPORTING PERIOD	1 807	2 104	16	2 351	2 644	2 988
	CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
	Receipts						
39 935	Taxes, Fees and Fines	49 538	50 552	2	51 597	52 660	53 751
980	User Charges	980	3 733	281	3 806	3 880	3 956
13	Interest Received	112	109	-3	119	132	147
149	Other Revenue	180	134	-26	149	149	149
41 077	Operating Receipts	50 810	54 528	7	55 671	56 821	58 003
	Payments						
1 635	Related to Employees	1 802	2 101	17	2 115	2 128	2 140
1 957	Related to Administration	1 987	1 484	-25	1 507	1 530	1 554
7	Borrowing Costs	5	0	-100	0	0	0
149	Other	180	134	-26	149	149	149
37 233	Territory Receipts to Government	46 375	50 552	9	51 597	52 660	53 751
40 981	Operating Payments	50 349	54 271	8	55 368	56 467	57 594
96	NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	461	257	-44	303	354	409
	CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
	Payments						
10	Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment	10	10	-	10	10	10
10	Investing Payments	10	10	-	10	10	10
-10	NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	-10	-10	-	-10	-10	-10
	CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES						
	Payments						
75	Repayment of Advance	154	0	-100	0	0	0
75	Financing Payments	154	0	-100	0	0	0
-75	NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	-154	0	100	0	0	0
11	NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH HELD	297	247	-17	293	344	399
851	CASH AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD	2 104	2 351	12	2 644	2 988	3 387

Notes to the Budget Statements

The financial arrangements for the Commission in 2001-02 will change from self-funding to Government funding. The Commission will receive a government service payment and all regulatory fees collected, which were previously retained by the Commission, will be transferred along with the collected taxes and fines, to Territory consolidated revenue.

Other significant variations are as follows:

Statement of Financial Performance

- taxes, fees and fines: the increase of \$9.433m in 2000-01 from the original budget is due to actual gambling activity being higher than estimated. Forward year budgets have been adjusted accordingly;
- user charges – ACT Government: the increase of \$2.753m in 2001-02 from the 2000-01 estimated outcome relates to the provision of Government funding and the associated decision to transfer all taxes, fees and fines including regulatory fees into Territory consolidated revenue, rather than retain regulatory fees within the Commission to meet operating expenses. The impact of this is directly offset by an increase in transfer expenses;
- administration expenses: the decrease of \$0.478m in 2001-02 from the 2000-01 estimated outcome is due to lower expenditure in research payments and administrative expense savings made by the Commission; and
- employee expenses: the increase of \$0.273m in 2001-02 from the 2000-01 estimated outcome is due to staff recruitment to enable the Commission to undertake its statutory responsibilities.

