

ACT GAMBLING AND RACING COMMISSION

Objectives

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

The Commission is to commence operations on 1 July 1999 subject to the passage of legislation, and will consolidate the functions of the Casino Surveillance Authority and the racing, betting, gaming and lotteries elements formerly the responsibility of the Chief Minister's Department.

It is expected that the Commission's responsibilities will include the development and implementation of the regulatory framework for interactive gambling in the ACT. In addition, the Commission will be responsible for the regulatory oversight of ACTTAB Limited.

The Commission will have powers under 12 separate Acts to ensure gambling (including casino and internet gambling) and racing are conducted lawfully and the correct level of taxes and fees are paid.

1999-2000 Highlights

Strategic and operational issues to be pursued in 1999-2000 include:

- developing an integrated regulatory regime in respect of gambling and racing;
- continuing to enhance the regulatory framework and implement a licensing and taxation regime for interactive gambling;
- providing an acceptable standard of public protection in all areas of gaming and wagering;
- keeping the casino crime-free by continuing to closely monitor activity within the casino;
- examining gambling laws within the Territory to ensure their continued effectiveness; and
- coordinating research, data collection and other social policy issues associated with gambling and racing in the Territory.

Budget Summary	1999-2000 Planned \$'000
Government Appropriations	
• Capital injection	200
Own Sourced Revenues	
• Taxes, fees and fines	2 664
• User charges - ACT Government	1 300
• Interest	13
• Resources received free of charge	25
Services Provided	
• Gambling and racing services	4 076
- policy development	
- regulatory activities	
- ensuring compliance with statutory obligations	
- collection of gambling taxes and fees	
- review of gambling legislation	
- manage research and data collection activities	

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Operating Statement**

1998-99 Budget \$'000	1998-99 Est.Outcome \$'000	1999-00 Budget \$'000	Var %	2000-01 Estimate \$'000	2001-02 Estimate \$'000	2002-03 Estimate \$'000
Revenue						
0		2 664	-	2 672	2 679	2 687
0		1 300	-	1 300	1 300	1 300
0		13	-	13	13	13
0		25	-	25	25	25
0	0	4 002	-	4 010	4 017	4 025
Expenses						
0		1 477	-	1 487	1 497	1 507
0		245	-	249	252	257
0		2 271	-	2 177	2 117	2 117
0		72	-	71	72	5
0		11	-	7	2	0
0	0	4 076	-	3 991	3 940	3 886
0	0	-74	-	19	77	139
Accumulated Funds - Start of Period						
0	0	0	-	-192	-173	-96
0		200	-	0	0	0
0		-318	-	0	0	0
0	0	-192	-	-173	-96	43

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Statement Of Financial Position**

Budget as at 30/6/99 \$'000	Est.Outcome as at 30/6/99 \$'000	Planned as at 30/6/00 \$'000	Var %	Planned as at 30/6/01 \$'000	Planned as at 30/6/02 \$'000	Planned as at 30/6/03 \$'000	
Current Assets							
0	Cash	0	368	-	403	493	657
0	Other	0	3	-	3	3	3
0	Total Current Assets	0	371	-	406	496	660
Non Current Assets							
0	Property, Plant and Equipment	0	150	-	89	27	32
0	Total Non Current Assets	0	150	-	89	27	32
0	TOTAL ASSETS	0	521	-	495	523	692
Current Liabilities							
0	Creditors	0	64	-	64	64	64
0	Borrowings	0	75	-	79	0	0
0	Employee Entitlements	0	169	-	171	173	175
0	Total Current Liabilities	0	308	-	314	237	239
Non Current Liabilities							
0	Borrowings	0	79	-	0	0	0
0	Employee Entitlements	0	325	-	353	381	409
0	Other Provisions	0	1	-	1	1	1
0	Total Non Current Liabilities	0	405	-	354	382	410
0	TOTAL LIABILITIES	0	713	-	668	619	649
0	NET ASSETS	0	-192	-	-173	-96	43
REPRESENTED BY FUNDS EMPLOYED							
0	Accumulated Funds	0	-192	-	-173	-96	43
0	TOTAL FUNDS EMPLOYED	0	-192	-	-173	-96	43

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Cashflow Statement**

1998-99 Budget \$'000		1998-99 Est.Outcome \$'000	1999-00 Budget \$'000	Var %	2000-01 Estimate \$'000	2001-02 Estimate \$'000	2002-03 Estimate \$'000
0	CASH AT BEGINNING OF REPORTING PERIOD	0	0	-	368	403	493
	CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
	Receipts						
0	Taxes, Fees and Fines	0	2 664	-	2 672	2 679	2 687
0	User Charges	0	1 300	-	1 300	1 300	1 300
0	Interest Received	0	13	-	13	13	13
0	Operating Receipts	0	3 977	-	3 985	3 992	4 000
	Payments						
0	Related to Employees	0	1 692	-	1 706	1 719	1 734
0	Related to Administration	0	2 247	-	2 152	2 092	2 092
0	Finance Costs	0	11	-	7	2	0
0	Operating Payments	0	3 950	-	3 865	3 813	3 826
0	NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	0	27	-	120	179	174
	CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
	Payments						
0	Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment	0	210	-	10	10	10
0	Investing Payments	0	210	-	10	10	10
0	NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	0	-210	-	-10	-10	-10
	CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES						
	Receipts						
0	Capital Injection from Government	0	200	-	0	0	0
0	Receipt of Transferred Cash Balances	0	422	-	0	0	0
0	Financing Receipts	0	622	-	0	0	0
	Payments						
0	Repayment of Advance	0	71	-	75	79	0
0	Financing Payments	0	71	-	75	79	0
0	NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	0	551	-	-75	-79	0
0	NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH HELD	0	368	-	35	90	164
0	CASH AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD	0	368	-	403	493	657

Notes to the Budget Statements

Operating Statement

- taxes, fees and fines: comprise casino licence fees (\$0.594m), fees for regulatory services (\$1.420m) and bookmakers fees (\$0.650m). The fees for the regulatory services component, previously collected by the Chief Minister's Department, includes new fees (\$0.350m) relating to trade promotion applications and gaming machine licence variation applications;
- user charges - ACT Government: comprises funding for the establishment of a regulatory framework for interactive gambling (\$0.8m) and funding for the establishment of a Gambling Project Fund (\$0.5m) to allow for research, data collection and gambling programs to be undertaken;
- employee expenses: comprises amounts related to functions previously undertaken by the Casino Surveillance Authority and the Chief Minister's Department (\$1.107m) and amounts related to new activities to be undertaken by the ACT Gambling and Racing Commission (\$0.370m);
- administrative expenses: these comprise:
 - \$0.480m related to activities transferred from the Chief Minister's Department;
 - \$0.256m related to activities transferred from the Casino Surveillance Authority;
 - \$0.5m related to Gambling Project Fund activities;
 - \$0.8m related to interactive gambling; and
 - \$0.235m related to the new functions of the Commission, including the expenses of Commissioners and research activities;
- capital injection: relates to provision of funding (\$0.2m) to allow for the acquisition of computer hardware and network infrastructure to establish the control and regulatory framework for interactive gambling.

Statement of Financial Position

- assets: mostly comprise computer equipment purchased in respect of interactive gambling; and
- liabilities: primarily reflect the transfer of employee liabilities related to staff transferred from the Casino Surveillance Authority and the Chief Minister's Department upon the establishment of the ACT Gambling and Racing Commission.

Statement of Cashflows

- receipts of transferred cash balances: comprise cash balances transferred from the Casino Surveillance Authority (\$0.208m) and funding for the accrued liabilities of staff transferred from the Chief Minister's Department, for the gaming and lotteries and racing and betting functions (\$0.214m).