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Cc: s47F
Subject: For Information: Sport Wagering brief [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Information brief Australian Sports Wagering Scheme (ASWS).DOCX

Minister

Please find attached an **Information brief on the Australian Sports Wagering Scheme.**

- s47C so worth reviewing the background now. s22
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- It will be complex. In terms of ministerial offices, we will need to engage with Attorney-Generals (they have gambling responsibility) as well Communications, at a minimum. There will likely be many interested parties.

Not for any action other to read at this stage. s47F will give you an update and more detail at the next regular meeting.

Many thanks
Callie

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INFORMATION BRIEF: AUSTRALIAN SPORTS WAGERING SCHEME (ASWS)

SUBJECT / ISSUE

Australian Sports Wagering Scheme

WHAT IS THE STORY TO TELL?

- The development and implementation of the Australian Sports Wagering Scheme (ASWS) is a key pillar of the Government Response to the Wood Review.
- It is a complex piece of policy development, with multiple stakeholders affected. Extensive consultation has occurred to get the proposed operating principles right.
- We are committed to the development and implementation of the ASWS.
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KEY POINTS

- The ASWS Operating Principles anticipate that:
 - accreditation of Sports Controlling Body (SCB) status including, oversight of the Product Fee and Integrity Agreements, elevated to Sport Integrity Australia to regulate
 - we facilitate a national forum with all relevant stakeholders to provide input into an agreed national schedule of sports contingencies
 - we establish a sports wagering data and information sharing ecosystem.
- s47C [REDACTED]
- s34(3) [REDACTED]
- The intent of the ASWS is to streamline current sports wagering regulation to provide clarity, transparency and consistency across Commonwealth, state and territory jurisdictions and to ensure sports wagering occurs within a regulatory framework protecting the integrity of sport.
- Stakeholder consultations identified that several related issues of interest, including reconsideration of 'online in-play' wagering, the inclusion of racing information and further addressing illegal offshore wagering, are important considerations. These issues are, however, outside the current identified scope of the ASWS.
- Subsequent stakeholder consultation and input has led to the development of the ASWS Strategy Paper and Operating Principles that outlined the operating model and principles.
- The ASWS Regulatory Impact Statement was released for public consultation in November 2021. Six submissions were received.
- There has been broad support for the proposed operational model from stakeholders, particularly Sports Controlling Bodies and state and territory policy and regulatory areas, with some resistance from the Wagering Service Provider industry, which was expected.
- The resistance from some wagering service providers includes the exclusion of reconsideration of the prohibition of online in-play wagering from the ASWS reforms. We do

not have policy authority over online in-play wagering and is not in a position to change current restrictions.

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BACKGROUND

Stakeholder Consultation

- In May 2020, we released the ASWS Discussion Paper for public consultation; we received 13 submissions to the Discussion Paper. Based on the feedback, it was clear that there was not consensus on the preferred ASWS model.
- Former sports Minister, Minister Colbeck, on 19 March 2021, approved an extension of time for this important modelling to be further developed and refined with input from stakeholders.
- Throughout 2021, we conducted extensive stakeholder consultation in order to build consensus for the proposed ASWS regulatory reform options and operating principles which are outlined in the ASWS Strategy and Operating Principles Paper released in August 2021.
- In addition, we have commissioned economic modelling research to better understand the sports wagering environment including consumer protection and sport integrity impacts of online in-play wagering.
- Ongoing stakeholder consultation and input has resulted in clearer and more supported ASWS operating principles being established. The ASWS operating principles were tested as part of the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) process.

ASWS Operating Principles

- Throughout 2021, we conducted a series of direct engagements with over 30 key stakeholders to inform the strategy paper and the ASWS operating principles. These discussions enabled the development of a refined set of proposed operating principles as outlined in the ASWS Strategy and Operating Principles Paper.

Online In-play Wagering Research

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- Online in-play wagering prohibitions are part of the *Interactive Gambling Act 2001* and policy responsibility sits with the Minister for Communications.
- We have partnered with the Commonwealth Department of Social Services to commission research into online in-play wagering, to ensure an appropriate focus on harm minimisation measures is prioritised.
- The research will explore the economic impact, consumer behaviour trends and sport integrity benefits of current and potential regulation of online in-play wagering within Australia.



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cc: Minister Butler

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Parliamentary Section

Subject: Progression of the Australian Sports Wagering Scheme, ratification of the Macolin Convention and establishment of National Sport Integrity Offences.

Critical date: N/A

Recommendation/s:

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4. Agree to the re-establishment of ASWS Advisory Groups.

4. Agree/Not Agreed/Please discuss

Signature

Date: 20 / 2 / 23

Media Release required? YES/ NO

Comments:

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Issues:

1. The establishment of the Australian Sports Wagering Scheme (ASWS).^{s22}
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[REDACTED] are three key recommendations of the Review of Australia's Sport Integrity Arrangements (the Wood Review).
2. This suite of measures will position Australia at the forefront of combatting competition manipulation and betting related corruption in sport.
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4. Sport Integrity Australia is the sponsor agency for these measures and has been leading the development of them since its establishment in 2020.
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7. [REDACTED]
8. Re-establishment of Advisory Groups is critical in the success of the ASWS, particularly in relation to the design and development of the data and information sharing ecosystem.

Background:**Australian Sports Wagering Scheme**

The intent of the ASWS is to streamline current sports wagering regulation to provide clarity, transparency and consistency across Commonwealth, State and Territory jurisdictions and to ensure sports wagering occurs within a regulatory framework to effectively protect the integrity of sport and ensuring Australian sporting competitions are more resistant to evolving manipulation threats.

The key elements of the ASWS are:

- elevating from NSW and Victorian regulators to Sport Integrity Australia the accreditation of sports as Sports Controlling Bodies and therefore oversight of their contractual arrangements with wagering service providers
- Sport Integrity Australia to facilitate a national forum with all relevant stakeholders to pursue an agreed national schedule of sports contingencies
- Sport Integrity Australia to establish a sports wagering data and information sharing ecosystem consolidating all sports betting related data and information to provide a complete and holistic view of the sector.

Sport Integrity Australia has engaged in significant consultation with stakeholders to develop the ASWS operating principles. Sport Integrity Australia has released a series of consultation papers including the ASWS Strategy and Operating Principles paper (Attachment A), and a ^{s47C} which have been informed by, and shared with the advisory group members and other stakeholders. Sport Integrity Australia is seeking your approval to re-establish these advisory groups immediately and recommence the engagement and consultation process for the ASWS.

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A. ASWS Strategy and Operating Principles paper

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Consultations:

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Throughout the development of the ASWS, Sport Integrity Australia has met with over 30 stakeholders seeking their input and feedback on the ASWS operating principles.

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Attachments: ASWS MO Backgrounder for Four Corners episode.docx

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s47F [REDACTED] attached is the backgrounder on sports wagering from Sport Integrity Australia.

Thanks s22 [REDACTED]

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Summary of issues relevant to Minister's Officer Media Liaison at 12 May 2023.

Policy background

The Australian Sports Wagering Scheme (ASWS),^{s22}

are key recommendation of the Wood Review. Sport Integrity Australia (and formerly the Sport Integrity Taskforce) have been working on these initiatives since the Government Response to the Wood Review was endorsed in 2019.

Australian Sports Wagering Scheme

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**Funding**

Sport Integrity Australia does not have funding for these initiatives in the out years. s34(3)

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of the actual submission referred to in the program – still running that down.

Kind regards
Luke

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Afternoon s47F

This is probably the best document for background.

After this we now s34(3)
– aligned to what is stepped out in the attached.

Kind regards
Luke

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Hi Luke

On Four Corners last night they mentioned that there was a proposal put forward for SIA to expand their remit and have a role in monitoring sports gambling.
Do you have more info on this?

Thanks in advance
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Hello, I understand you were looking for some background ahead of tonight's episode... see our response below and the Sport Integrity backgrounder attached

ATTRIBUTABLE TO MINISTER FOR SPORT, ANIKA WELLS

The Australian Sports Wagering Scheme is actively being considered by Government.

Sport Integrity Australia is coordinating the extensive, cross government, work to support our assessment of the ability to ratify the Macolin Convention and the work of drafting Commonwealth sport integrity offences.

This work, which supports elements of the wagering related response, is informing the consideration of sport issues in the budget process.

Sport Integrity Australia has been consulting with all parts of the sporting ecosystem to make sure we implement effective integrity measures to protect Australians and the sports we love.

The combined resources of Australia's Government, Intelligence and law enforcement agencies are well coordinated in collating, analysing and sharing information appropriately to counter threats including competition manipulation and betting-related corruption.

These agencies work with sports and the wagering industry to identify and address corruption in all its forms.

In a rapidly evolving environment I am confident that our combined national response to these threats is world class and makes Australia an unattractive target.

Of course we will remain vigilant and adapt our response appropriately.

We will protect sport from a range of threats, including competition manipulation and betting-related corruption, and Sport Integrity Australia continues to provide support and advice to the entire sport system about ways in which to mitigate these threats, and will continue to work with industry to further strengthen our sport and wagering ecosystem.