

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Question Taken on Notice

Date: 14/06/2018
Subject: Reporting of amounts from pubs and clubs from poker machines
From: Mr Gerry Wood
To: Hon. Natasha Fyles
Agency: Attorney-General and Justice

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Question: Minister, could you explain, I believe over the last two financial years there has been no reporting of the amounts from pubs and clubs in relation to their poker machines. The individual amounts of metered win and the amount of gaming tax per licence premises.

Answer:

The Director-General of Licensing (Director-General) is a statutory position established under the *Licensing (Director-General) Act* (the Act). The Director-General has a broad range of responsibilities including the licensing and regulation of gaming machines in community venues.

Section 19 of the Act, requires the Director-General to produce and furnish the responsible Minister an annual report. The report is required to provide information on:

- (a) the operation of the Act during the relevant year; and
- (b) the exercise of powers and performance of functions during that year by the Director-General.

Whilst the Act requires the Director-General to provide an annual report, it does not specify the information to be contained in the report. The content is for the Director-General to determine and may change from year to year to reflect particular highlights of the reporting year.

For the 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years, the Director-General published information relating to the performance of gaming machines in community venues in a 'top performers table'. Individual and specific venue data was not published but may be provided on request.