#### **GAMBLING COMMISSION E-BULLETIN**

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# 1. Proposed merger of the Gambling Commission with the National Lottery Commission

A letter from Hugh Robertson MP, Minister for Sport and Tourism regarding proposed merger of Gambling Commission with the National Lottery Commission, and the response from our Chairman, Philip Graf.

Read the letter and the response...

# 2. Test purchasing programme rolls out

Our test purchasing programme is set to continue across England and Wales during the next few months.

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# 3. Gambling participation data published

The latest data on participation in all types of gambling activity has been published for the year to June 2013.

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## 4. National data on problem gambling being published later this year

More information on the publication of some significant national data on problem gambling in the upcoming Scottish Health Survey and the Health Survey for England.

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## 5. Casino 'drop and win' summary report – July 2013

We have published the latest summary report showing the amount of money exchanged for chips in casinos ('drop') and the amount retained by the casino ('win').

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## 6. Licensing authorities and primary gambling activity

We make clear our opinion that primary gambling activity is not solely a matter for the Commission following a recent case.

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# 7. Consultation planned on Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice (LCCP) improvements

We plan to consult on some limited changes to the LCCP. Most of the changes relate to the remote gambling sector and we intend to introduce them in time for the planned government reforms, requiring all remote gambling firms targeting the British market to be licensed by the Commission.

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## 8. External Lottery Manager (ELM) seminars – reinforcing the licensing objectives

We have recently held two seminars for licensed ELMs covering their obligations under the Gambling Act 2005.

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## 9. Sports betting integrity education programme announced

The Professional Players Federation has announced a three year deal which draws on industry funding for player associations to deliver education on sports betting integrity and preventing match fixing to 7,500 professional sportsmen and women in the United Kingdom. Please see our website for information on our Sports Betting Intelligence Unit (SBIU).

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# 10. Role of authorised person in Scotland

The purpose of this advice note is to set out our understanding of the powers of authorised persons in Scotland and to provide guidance about how they might contribute to effective coregulation of the gambling industry in Scotland.

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## 11. DCMS funding letter

A letter to the Commission from Maria Miller MP, the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport advising the outcome for the 2013 Spending Round for the department.

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## 12. Current Vacancies

We are currently recruiting; please see our website for more information.

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## 13. Other news

The latest HMRC figures for Betting and Gaming

ASA adjudications on bet365 Group Ltd and Bayton Ltd t/a Spin Palace

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