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To all interested stakeholders

To whom it may concern

Minimum Equipment Standards for Jackpot Systems

The Department has considered its position with respect to the proposed minimum equipment standards for jackpot systems. As a result of its own investigations, and from information provided in submissions, it has become clear that a 1 July 2009 adoption date for the standards raises a number of concerns. These concerns primarily include issues of harm minimisation, timing, and the costs associated with the short timeframe for compliance.

Accordingly, the Department considers it would be unreasonable and impractical to require adherence to the proposed jackpot standard by 1 July 2009 as there is no ready solution available to the issues raised.

The Department will now look afresh at achieving a robust direction for the future of jackpot systems. We will develop and discuss appropriate policy and technology approaches that mitigate the identified issues and are sustainable in the long term.

In the interim, the Department will not mandate the use of downloadable jackpots by 1 July 2009 as proposed in the consultation document for class 4 jackpot systems.

Thank you again for your submissions on this matter.

Yours sincerely



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