

Fact Sheet

Gambling Act 2003: FACT SHEET 37 - EMS

WHAT WILL EMS DO?

EMS will provide a weekly report showing the amount of GMP to be banked. It will be based on data collected during the week by daily snapshots and processed by the main EMS "Host" computer system before being output to the website. The report will include all jackpots wins awarded by both 'downloadable' and 'non-downloadable' jackpot systems and also any meter or GMP adjustments posted during the week.

The weekly report will include data collected between 2am every Monday and 2am the following Monday.

There will be two versions of the report – Weekly Venue Activity (Venue Level) and Weekly Venue Activity (Society Level).

Venue reports will list meter and GMP information by gaming machine. Society reports will list the information by venue.

WILL THESE REPORTS BE THE SAME AS THE WEEKLY GMP REPORTS OR SUMMARY SHEETS?

No, they will be different. They will not show opening and closing meter readings like the 'manual' reports do. They will only show the NET meter values – which are the meter increases during the week. Turnover, Total Wins, Jackpot Wins and Adjustments will be shown separately.

WHEN WILL THESE REPORTS BE AVAILABLE?

The reports will be available from 8am every Monday morning. You must bank the full amount shown on the report within 5 working days. In most cases this will be by Friday of the same week. The report will be available on the EMS web server for downloading by both societies and venues.

HOW DO I OBTAIN THESE REPORTS?

By logging on to the EMS Web site at www.ems.govt.nz and accessing your venue's / society's 'folder'. To do this you will need a user name and password.

WHAT HAPPENS IF WE CAN'T GET THE REPORTS IN TIME TO DO THE FRIDAY BANKING?

These occasions should be very rare but could arise, for example, if there was a prolonged communications problem with your computer or the internet network itself. Even if a venue cannot access a report, the society may be able to access its version.

There are also a number of alternative ways you can establish the amount to bank, as outlined in Game Rule 126.

WILL I BE ABLE TO ACCESS REPORTS IF MONDAY IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY?

Public holidays do not affect EMS. EMS runs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and reports can still be accessed on a public holiday.

Note: The EMS Help Desk (0800 468 725) is also available on public holidays.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE FULL AMOUNT OF GMP IS NOT BANKED INTO THE SOCIETY'S DEDICATED BANK ACCOUNT BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS EACH FRIDAY?

Section 104 of the Gambling Act applies. The venue manager may commit an offence and the society must take immediate steps to disconnect all gaming machines at the venue, and advise the Department.

IF I BANK MORE FREQUENTLY THAN WEEKLY, HOW DO I RECONCILE THE DEPOSITS WITH THE WEEKLY AMOUNT?

There will be a new standard gaming machine accounting form called the Weekly Banking Reconciliation Report which must be used (see Game Rule 127).

MORE INFORMATION

The monitor will be providing an EMS Societies and Venues User Manual help you. The manual will contain sections on using the website and Electronic Meter Access.

Contact David Chatwin, Senior Inspector Technical, on 03 353 8308 if you need any further explanation or assistance.