Gambling Fact Sheet #37

Gaming Machine Profits Determination
& Banking under the Electronic Monitoring System (EMS)

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Reports provided by the EMS

The EMS provides a weekly report showing the amount of Gaming Machine Profits (GMP) to be
banked. It is 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 includes all jackpot
wins awarded by jackpot systems and also any meter or GMP adjustments posted during the week.

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

There are two versions of the report - Weekly Venue Activity (Venue Level) and Weekly Venue
Activity (Society Level). Venue reports list meter and GMP information by gaming machine. Society
reports list the information by venue.

Are these reports different to the Weekly GMP Reports and Summary Sheets? (only as
required by Game Rule 23)

Yes, they are different. They do 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 are shown separately.

When these reports are available

The reports are available from 9am every Monday morning. You must bank the full amount shown
on the report within five working days. In most cases this will be by Friday of the same week. The
report is available on the EMS web server for downloading by both societies and venues.

The amount banked must be in accordance with the amount shown on these EMS reports, and not
any amount obtained from another source. Exceptions to this rule are covered below.

How to obtain these reports

You can obtain these reports by logging on to the EMS website and accessing your venue’s/society’s
‘folder’: www.ems.govt.nz

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 27.

Will I be able to access reports if Monday is a public holiday?
Public holidays do not affect the EMS. The EMS runs 24 hours a day, seven 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 2003 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 of Internal Affairs.

If I bank more frequently than weekly, how do I reconcile the deposits with the weekly amount?
There is no longer a requirement in the Game Rules to do this formally. However, a standard gaming machine accounting form called the Weekly Banking Reconciliation Report is still accessible on our website if you wish to use it.

More information
The monitor will provide an EMS Societies and Venues User Manual to help you.

Free phone the Gambling Compliance Group on 0800 257 887 (New Zealand only) or email gambling.compliance@dia.govt.nz if you need any further explanation or assistance.

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