

**POLICY WORKING GROUP ON GAMBLING REFORM:  
TERMS OF REFERENCE AND GOVERNANCE**

<b>Co-Chairs</b>	Ms Helen Hambling, Group Manager, Problem Gambling Taskforce, Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, and Ms Linda Woo, Executive Director, Office of Regulatory Policy Dept of Employment, Economic Development & Innovation.
<b>Membership</b>	Australian, State and Territory Government officials with responsibility for gambling regulation or Treasury portfolios and community and human services portfolios.  The invitation for Western Australia to participate in the Select Council on Gambling Reform and its working groups has been declined but remains open. Western Australian officials receive papers and agendas for meetings at their request.  New Zealand has been invited as an observer on the Policy Working Group.
<b>Purpose</b>	The Policy Working Group has been established by the Select Council on Gambling Reform to consider options for pre-commitment; dynamic warning and cost of play displays and ATM daily withdrawal limits and other issues as required.
<b>Terms of Reference</b>	<p>The Policy Working Group will inform the work of the Select Council on Gambling Reform by the development of a report with input from state and territory governments on key issues related to the proposals to progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a best practice full pre-commitment scheme that is uniform across all States and machines;</li> <li>• dynamic warning and cost of play displays for all Electronic Gaming Machines; and</li> <li>• a \$250 daily withdrawal limit per card for Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) in venues with Electronic Gaming Machines (excepting casinos).</li> </ul> <p>The report will provide a comprehensive overview of the key policy and implementation issues for the jurisdictions in achieving the reforms, including agreement on principles and features for each of the three reform elements.</p> <p>The Policy Working Group will consult and seek input from appropriate and relevant jurisdictional representatives where required to ensure a comprehensive picture is obtained for each jurisdiction.</p> <p>The Policy Working Group will also advise on existing local data sources for each jurisdiction that may contribute to a solid evidence base on the estimated impacts from implementation of these reforms.</p> <p>The Policy Working Group will investigate other issues as directed by the Select Council or the Senior Officials Working Group.</p>
<b>Operations and Resourcing</b>	Secretariat support for the Policy Working Group will be provided by the Commonwealth Department of Families, Housing, Community Services, and Indigenous Affairs.
<b>Decision-Making</b>	Decision making will be by consensus.
<b>Frequency of meetings</b>	Meetings will be held in November 2010, December 2010 and then as necessary to inform the work of the Senior Officials Working Group on Gambling Reform and the Select Council on Gambling Reform.
<b>Reporting</b>	Reports agreed by the Policy Working Group will be provided to the Senior Officials Working Group for consideration and presenting to the Select Council on Gambling Reform.

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## POLICY WORKING GROUP ON GAMBLING REFORM: DRAFT WORK PLAN

The Select Council requested a Policy Working Group be established to develop options to implement the following problem gambling reform proposals:

- a best practice full pre-commitment scheme that is uniform across all States and machines;
- dynamic warning and cost of play displays for all Electronic Gaming Machines; and
- a \$250 daily withdrawal limit per card for Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) in venues with Electronic Gaming Machines (excepting casinos).

The Policy Working Group is to prepare a comprehensive report providing an overview of state and territory government positions, readiness and capacity to implement the above reforms.

A (suggested) forward work plan and timeline for the Policy Working Group to develop this report are outlined below

KEY ACTION	DATE
First meeting of the Policy Working Group meeting	12 November 2010
Draft action items circulated, including agreement for the Group to draft a comprehensive policy paper on options to implement the problem gambling reform components	22 November 2010
Draft framework circulated for comment	23 November 2010
Comments on draft report framework	24 November 2010
Draft input returned	COB 1 December 2010
Version 1—Consolidated report drafted and circulated	COB 8 December 2010
Second Policy Working Group meeting	9 December 2010
Version 1—Qld and SA to revise draft report structure/framework following agreement from members at 9 Dec meeting	22 December 2010
Version 2—Revised draft report applying revised structure circulated for comment	24 December 2010
Version 2—Revised draft report, consisting of a number of papers, discussed via teleconference	17 January 2011
Version 2—Comments from PWG members	19 January 2011
Version 3—Revised draft re-circulated to PWG for final comment	24 January 2011
Version 3—Revised draft report circulated to Senior Officials with draft cover agenda paper for each PWG paper	27 January 2011
Senior Officials Working Group meeting (PWG report writer/s to be invited to attend)	4 February 2011
Version 4—Draft report revised based on comments from Senior Officials and circulated to Senior Officials to finalise	7 February 2011
Report finalised for distribution to COAG Select Council	11 February 2011
COAG Select Council meeting	25 February 2011

This work plan is a working document and other work to be undertaken by the Policy Working Group will be added as required.