

000-00 SENIOR OFFICIALS WORKING GROUP ON GAMBLING REFORM: TERMS OF REFERENCE AND GOVERNANCE

Chair	Mr Jeff Harmer, Secretary, Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
Membership	Australian, State and Territory Government senior officials with responsibility for gambling regulation or Treasury portfolios and community and human services portfolios. Up to three members from each jurisdiction.
Purpose	The Select Council on Gambling Reform has been established to develop a national response to the findings and recommendations of the Productivity Commission Report on Gambling. The Select Council has established the Senior Officials Working Group to consider policy issues, agenda and papers for Select Council meetings.
Terms of Reference	<p>The Senior Officials Working Group will provide support to the Select Council on Gambling Reform by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. considering policy issues for discussion and agenda and papers for Select Council meetings; 2. providing strategic advice to ensure that the Select Council on Gambling Reform is well informed in relation to its agenda; 3. working collaboratively across jurisdictions to provide considered advice to the Select Council on Gambling Reform; and 4. considering the final report from the Policy Working Group on options for a national commitment strategy, dynamic warning and cost of play displays and ATM daily win limits for consideration and presentation to the Select Council on Gambling Reform.
Operations and Resourcing	Secretariat support for the Senior Officials Working Group will be provided by the Commonwealth Department of Families, Housing, Community Services, and Indigenous Affairs.
Decision-Making	Decision-making will be by consensus.
Frequency of meetings	The Senior Officials Working Group met for the first time via teleconference on 15 October 2010. Further meetings are scheduled for mid January 2011 and late February/early March 2011 and then as needed.
Reporting	The Senior Officials Working Group will report to the Select Council on Gambling Reform.