



Fixed Odds Betting Terminals APPG

Group Meeting

Closed meeting of the group to agree APPG work programme

Date: Wednesday 15th November

Time: 10.30am

Location: Committee Room 5, House of Commons

Chair: Carolyn Harris MP

Minutes taken by: Tosin Adedayo, Interel UK

Members Present

Stuart McDonald MP

Lord Don Foster

Graham Jones MP

(Office of) Ronnie Cowan MP

External Guests

Tosin Adedayo, Interel UK (Secretariat)

Holly Ramsey, Interel UK (Secretariat)

Christine Thompson, Interel UK (Secretariat)

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Carolyn Harris opened the meeting by thanking the members and representatives for attending the meeting.

Political Update

- Carolyn gave an update on the political environment following the publication of the Government's proposals to the Review of Stakes and Prize at the end of last month.
- She reiterated that the group would still be pushing for a £2 stake. However, she said it was important for the group to gather as much evidence as possible and look at the impact of reduction on a variety of stake levels, aside from those listed in the consultation document.

Work programme

- Carolyn set out the work programme for the next 12 weeks, covering the consultation period.
- She noted that there would be a 'Rally for £2' for supporters of the campaign on the 22nd November and shared the timetable with the members present.



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- She also suggested that the group holds a short inquiry, inviting witnesses that appeared before the group at the last inquiry and new ones. The evidence received will feed into the group's consultation response. The purpose of these sessions will be to garner evidence that is not currently in the public domain and is different to that received during the last inquiry.
- Christine Thompson (Secretariat) also added that the work programme includes a drop-in session planned for January and a stakeholder roundtable which will include journalists, charities, thinktanks, parliamentarians and industry.
- Lord Foster noted the need to ensure that the group has and includes evidence that justifies its £2 stake position. Carolyn Harris said that she is currently looking at this and working with supporters of the group in getting this evidence.
- Lord Foster also added that it would be useful for the group to be made aware of the whole review process post consultation. Carolyn asked the secretariat to provide this information and share with the group.
- The proposed work programme was accepted by the group.