



Fixed Odds Betting Terminals APPG

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting of the Fixed Odds Betting Terminals All Party Parliamentary Group

Date: Tuesday 19th June 2018

Time: 11.30am

Location: Room R, Portcullis House

Chair: Carolyn Harris MP

Minutes taken by: Holly Ramsey, Interel UK

Members

Sir Peter Bottomley MP
Lord Chadlington
Ronnie Cowan MP
Lord Dholakia
Iain Duncan Smith MP
Carolyn Harris MP
Gerald Jones MP
Graham Jones MP
Stuart McDonald MP
Liz McInnes MP
Stephen Timms MP

Lauren Beadle – Office of Lord Chadlington
Jo Lloyd -Office of Carolyn Harris MP
Jake Kelly – Office of Graham Jones MP
Taylor Shaw – Office of Lord Dholakia

External Guests

Tosin Adedayo, Interel
Nick Harding, Novomatic
Warwick Hawkins, Faith in Society
Martin Kettle, Church of England
Katherine Morgan, Interel
Holly Ramsey, Interel
Charles Ritchie, Gambling with Lives
Liz Ritchie, Gambling with Lives
Lisa Speed, Novomatic
Paul Terroni, Novomatic



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Simon Thomas, Hippodrome Casino
Derek Webb, Campaign for Fairer Gambling
John White, Bacta
Matt Zarb-Cousin, Campaign for Fairer Gambling

Private Meeting

- Carolyn Harris as Chair welcomed members to the meeting. She outlined that the group was delighted with the Government's recent announcement to cut the stake on FOBTs to £2, but stated that the group is disappointed to hear that the implementation period for this policy could take up to two years. As a result of this, there is still more work for the APPG to do to campaign for the implementation of the reduced stake to take place as soon as possible.
- Carolyn Harris then talked through a suggested forward work programme for the group which was agreed to.
- The workplan included undertaking an enquiry to address why the Government should implement the revised FOBT stake decision as soon as possible. This would be followed by a report by the APPG.
- The election of group membership was then made with unanimous decisions on the following:

Carolyn Harris MP – Chair
Sir Peter Bottomley MP – Vice Chair
Lord Chadlington – Vice Chair
Ronnie Cowan MP – Vice Chair
Iain Duncan Smith MP – Vice Chair
Liz McInnes MP – Vice Chair
Graham Jones MP - Vice Chair
Gerald Jones MP – Treasurer
Stuart McDonald MP – Secretary

- Carolyn Harris said that the group will continue to be funded under the same criteria that it will be ensured any funders will not set any Agenda the group works to.
- Sir Peter Bottomley thanked Interel for providing their services as the Secretariat for the group.
- The forward work programme was then discussed in more detail and members gave their thoughts on who should be asked to give evidence to the forthcoming enquiry.



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- The meeting then ended and external guests were brought in to the room for the open meeting of the APPG.

Public Meeting

- Carolyn Harris repeated that whilst the group is delighted with the recent FOBT decision, she reiterated that there is still a lot more to do and the work of the group will be continuing in light of the delayed implementation of a £2 stake.
- Carolyn Harris then announced who the elected officers of the group were.
- A discussion was then held about the recent announcement by the Government to cut the FOBT stake to £2, the implementation period and the forward work plan. Members of the group and external guests suggested ideas of how the group should progress in its work plan.
- Carolyn Harris then asked if members were still happy to fund the APPG and if so then to inform the Secretariat.

The meeting closed at 12.28pm.