

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 14th JULY 2014**

Question

Will the Minister provide members with the following information regarding the Jersey Gambling Commission for each year since it was formed:

- a. the number and type of gambling licences issued;
- b. the revenue received from these licences broken down into each category;
- c. the number and type of external gambling licences issued - such as those issued to firms outside the Island and the income generated from them;
- d. the amount of money expended on support for problem gamblers and how it is spent;
- e. the salaries of the board, directors and staff of the Gambling Commission; and,
- f. the number, type and cost of conferences attended by Gambling Commission directors and staff?

Answer

The Jersey Gambling Commission came into existence in October 2010 and administered the Gambling (Jersey) Law 1964 during 2011 and 2012. In 2013 the Gambling (Jersey) Law 2012 came into force. Each period operated distinct licensing regimes. Detailed information regarding numbers of social permits or registrations prior to the implementation of the new Law has not been retained. Data for 2011 includes the last quarter of 2010. Social and charitable income was received in total of £14,110 (Q4 2010 & 2011) and £10,900 (2012).

For both 2011 and 2012 the following information can be provided:

LICENCES

Type	Numbers Granted	Fee
Amusement Premises Licence	0	£3,000 per annum
Betting Office/Credit Betting Licence	29	£3,000 per annum
Bookmaker's Licence	11	£500 per annum
Occasional Bookmaker's Licence	1	£150 per day plus £250 deposit
Track Licence	0	£500 per annum
Gaming Machines	0	£4,000 per machine per annum
Gaming Machine Type 2	55	£4,000 per machine per annum
Hosting Providers Licence	2	£5,000 per annum
Disaster Recovery Licence	0	£5,000 per annum

PERMITS

Type	Numbers Granted	Fee
Amusement With Prizes Permit (Amusement Premises)	0	£1,000 per annum
Amusement With Prizes Permit (Commercial Event)	3	£110 per event
Bingo Permit (Private)	No Data	£50 per annum
Bingo Permit (Public)	No Data	£10 per event
Cinema Racing Permit	No Data	£50 per event
Crown and Anchor Permit	No Data	£110 per table per event
Gaming at an Event Permit	No Data	£50 per event
Lottery Permit	No Data	£20 per lottery

REGISTRATIONS

Type	Numbers Granted	Fee
Bingo Certificate of Registration	No Data	£20 per calendar year
Cinema Racing Certificate of Registration	No Data	£20 per calendar year
Lottery Certificate of Registration	No Data	£20 per calendar year

Total Regulatory income for 16 months to December 2011 was £410,248.

Total Regulatory income for the 12 months to December 2012 was £364,287.

With regard to 2013 the picture is different because of the change in legislation.

LICENCES

Type	Numbers Granted	Fee
Bookmakers' Licence Class 1	8	£3,000 per premises per annum
Bookmakers' Licence Class II	3	£375 per annum
Occasional Bookmaker's Licence	1	£375 per annum
Crown and Anchor Licence	28	£110 per event
Track Licence	1	£500 per annum
Gaming Machines Class Licence	1	£0
Gaming Machines Category 3	6	£150 per annum
Gaming Machines Category 4	0	£500 per annum
Gambling Machine Licence	92	£4,000 per annum
Amusement with Prizes at Events	1	£110 per event
Personal Gambling Licence	6	£500 per annum
Thrift Club Class Licence	23	£25-150 per annum (£1300 total)

PERMITS

Type	Numbers Granted	Fee
Software Designers Permit	1	£1,250 per annum
Machine Suppliers Permit	3	£0
Hosting Service Providers Permit	2	£5000
Charitable Gambling Permit	2	£100-500

REGISTRATIONS

Type	Numbers Granted	Fee
Charitable Registration	19	£20 per calendar year

Total Regulatory income for the 12 months to December 2013 was £507,274.

No external licences can or could be granted under either Gambling (Jersey) Law. Licences are only issued to Jersey companies, regardless of where they might have operations.

£4283 was spent on assistance for problem gamblers in 2011. £4000 was to Gambling Therapy for development and provision of a dedicated Jersey webpage where Jersey residents could get help, advice and support on line, with the balance spent on the printing of posters, pamphlets and awareness material for the Island's bookmakers. In 2012 the figure was £6000 for the operation of the www.gamblingtherapy.je site and this reduced to £3000 in 2013 because of the low levels of use. Funding of support for problem gambling is targeted to actual need and the Commission is working with the Health Department to assess the level of support that may be needed for face-to-face counselling to compliment the on-line service.

Commissioners' fees for the 16 months to December 2011 were £96,000

Commissioner's fees for the 12 months to December 2012 were £72,000

Commissioner's fees for the 12 months to December 2013 were £72,000

Staff salaries for the 16 months to December 2011 were £221,982

Staff salaries for the 12 months to December 2012 were £205,262

Staff salaries for the 12 months to December 2013 were £238,327.

The Commission attends two annual meetings with regulatory colleagues of the Gaming Regulators European Forum (GREF) and International Association of Gaming Regulators (IAGR). Working party groups of these two organisations also hold meetings that Commission staff attend when necessary and relevant. The Commission also regularly attends the International Casino Exhibition in London as well as certain other industry conferences and meetings as required.

Conference and travel expenses for the 16 months to December 2011 were £25,344

Conference and travel expenses for the 12 months to December 2012 were £15,244

Conference and travel expenses for the 12 months to December 2013 were £18,173.