Gaming Portfolio

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Gaming Portfolio Outputs

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Performance Measures	Unit of measure	2008-09 Target	2007-08 Expected Outcome	2007-08 Target	2006-07 Actual
Regulating Gaming and Racing					
Gaming and Racing Management and Regulation					
Quantity					
Regulatory Services including Licensing and Compliance Activities.	number	26,606	25,203	26,107	nm
Office of Gaming and Racing briefings processed	number	700	750	350	589
Accuracy of Regulatory Compliance Activities	per cent	100	100	100	nm
Timeliness					
Regulatory Compliance and Licensing Activities progressed within set timeframes	per cent	85	85	85	nm
Racing and Gaming applications and initiatives completed within elapsed time benchmark	per cent	100	100	100	100
Gamblers Help Service clients who receive a service within five days of referral	per cent	90	95	90	nm
Total Output Cost	\$ million	72.2	73.8	64.1	54.4

Gambling Regulation

Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation



- Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation (VCGR) activities:
 - Licensing of venues and employees and equipment approvals
 - Investigations and compliance audits
 - In 2006-07 each gaming venue inspected an average of three times
 - Casino supervision
 - Fostering responsible gambling

Gambling Licences Review

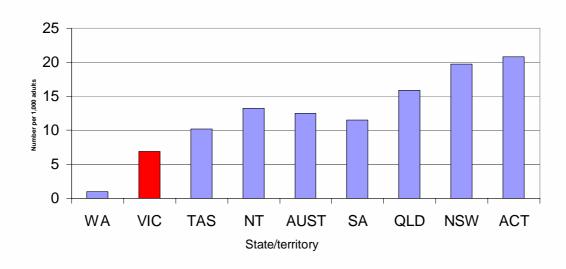


- Major focus in 2007-08 and for 2008-09
- Lotteries license arrangements announced October 2007
- Gaming, keno, wagering license arrangements announced April 2008
- Emphasis on:
 - Probity
 - Transparency
 - Competitiveness
 - Public benefit
- Work now progressing on implementation

Responsible Gambling Policy Achievements



Gaming Machines per 1000 Adults, 2005-06

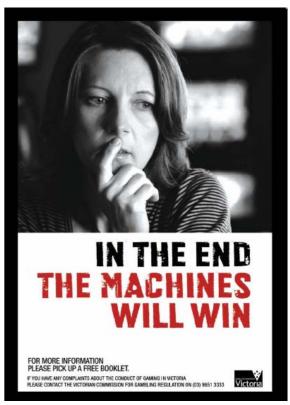


Substantial New Responsible Gambling Policy

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- 2007-08 and 2008-09 a period of major development in responsible gambling policy with initiatives including:
 - All gaming machines to incorporate a pre-commitment mechanism by 2010
 - ATM withdrawals to be limited to \$400 per day by 2010
 - All ATMs to be removed from gaming venues by 2012
 - Responsible gambling requirements incorporated into all gambling licences
 - Caps on gaming machines



Addressing Problem Gambling

Taking action on problem gambling



 Taking action on problem gambling announced in 2006 with total funding of \$132.3 million



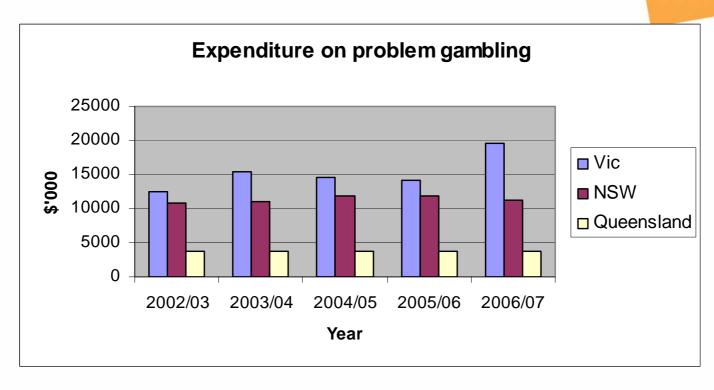
Action area	Complete/substantially complete
Building better treatment services	Substantially complete
Ensuring a more socially responsible	Complete
gambling industry	
Promoting healthy communities	Ongoing
Protecting vulnerable communities	Complete
Improving consumer protection	Complete
Enhancing the regulator	Complete
Fostering gambling research	Ongoing

Addressing problem gambling

Comparative expenditure on problem gambling







Priorities for 2008-09



- Gambling Licences Review Implementation Phase
- Continuing the success of *Taking action on problem* gambling
- Maximising efficiency in service delivery, for example, for Gambler's Help Services
- Implementing the new problem gambling measures
- Exploiting synergies within portfolios



Thank you