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Gaming: Community Support Fund

Raised with: Minister for Community Development

Raised by: Mr Dalla-Riva

Raised on: 6 February 2008

REPLY:

At the time this matter was raised the Community Support Fund (CSF) is governed by the *Gambling Regulation Act 2003*, having been established in 1991 under the *Gaming Machine Control Act* to ensure a proportion of gambling revenues support community activities.

The Act requires payments to be made from the Fund for the following purposes:

- Firstly, for gambling research and programs;
- Secondly, for initiatives addressing drug addiction and abuse, family support, youth, sports, arts, tourism and any other programs or purposes relating to the support or advancement of the community as determined by the Minister;
- Thirdly, for the administrative and operating costs of the Fund.

The amount of money going into the fund is determined by the *Gaming Regulation Act 2003*, section 3.6.6(2)(c), and the Government has made no decision to change that provision.

Community Support Fund approvals for the 2006/07 financial year are publicly available in the 2006-07 Annual Report of the former Department of Victorian Communities.

