Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Inquiry into the prevention and treatment of problem gambling

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Topic: Self-exclusion

Senator Nick Xenophon asked:

How will the development of nationally consistent self-exclusion model be undertaken, and will it include input from industry?

Answer:

The Government has committed to working with the states and territories and industry to develop a nationally-consistent approach to self-exclusion. This approach will include better counselling support as part of the exclusion process, consideration of third party (family member) self-exclusions and more central oversight.

Self-exclusion will also be available through the pre-commitment system that is expected to be rolled out across Australia, consistent with the Commonwealth's draft legislation on gambling reform. This measure will also be a part of the proposed trial of mandatory pre-commitment in the Australian Capital Territory.