

Inquiry into the Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting) Bill 2016

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Additional information

A correction to information I provided during my session with reference options for very short term account suspensions. Referring to the following statements:

P10 – ‘...I remember talking to someone from Norway—not in my research—who thought that that would be the case in terms of their online gambling. They have things like an emergency stop button that you have on your screen.’

This statement was then referred to on P17 (with me responding to a follow up question from Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE)

***Dr Thomas:** I am trying to remember whether it was Sweden or Norway. It was one of those two.*

Referring back it was an online gambling company in Finland that had implemented a ‘panic button’ for online poker players that allowed gamblers to press a button and immediately suspend an online gambling account for a short period. I understand other online gambling companies have since implemented similar options for their customers (e.g., William Hill in the UK).