

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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OUTCOME: 10 - Sport and Recreation

Topic: National Integrity of Sport Unit

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Peris, Nova

Question:

Please provide an update of the work of the National Integrity of Sport Unit on the implementation of the National Policy on Match-Fixing in Sport agreed to on 10 June 2011, including interactions with State Departments of Sport and details of any legislation passed by State Governments in association with this agreement?

Answer:

The National Integrity of Sport Unit continues to work with state and territory governments on the implementation of the National Policy on Match-Fixing in Sport.

In relation to the introduction of specific criminal match-fixing legislation:

- New South Wales passed legislation in September 2012;
- South Australia and Victoria passed legislation in April 2013;
- The Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory passed legislation in August 2013;
- Queensland passed legislation in August 2014, and
- Tasmania and Western Australia have indicated they intend relying on existing legislative provisions at this time.

In relation to the introduction of operational sports betting model legislation:

- Victoria passed legislation in 2007;
- New South Wales passed legislation in December 2015;
- The Northern Territory introduced licensing conditions in September 2015 for betting operators that give effect to the intent of sports betting arrangements;
- South Australia and Tasmania have indicated they intend to introduce legislation;
- Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory are considering whether legislation is required, and
- Queensland has advised it is not considering introducing legislation at this time.

The National Integrity of Sport Unit engages with jurisdictional sports and recreation agencies through regular meetings and forums to facilitate a coordinated sports integrity policy response in Australia.