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Senator Di Natale asked:

Can you provide a comparison between making a new machine mandatory precommitment ready versus making it dollar bet ready?

Answer:

The Department's advice is that it is possible to include a \$1 maximum bet limit in a new gaming machine by building it into the machine's software. This could occur in two ways: either as a variant to the way in which a game (software) is designed; or as an available parameter within one game (which can be selected if desired).

The Department's advice is that there are a range of technical solutions available to make new gaming machines pre-commitment ready. The advice is also that the solution adopted by industry is likely to vary (including over time) and will be affected by the different regulatory environments in the jurisdictions. Two potential solutions are: either ensuring that the machine hardware is compatible with an existing pre-commitment system or systems; or incorporating pre-commitment functionality into new machine hardware and software.