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Senator Bernardi asked:

What additional information is on the unitingforchange website that is not available on problemgambling.gov.au?

Answer:

The www.unitingforchange.org.au and www.problemgambling.gov.au web sites have different objectives and target different groups in the community.

The Uniting Care Australia's web-based portal aims to support community service staff, volunteers, service users and the general public to encourage policy discussion, create debate and advocacy about financial stress and inclusion issues, including problem gambling and poverty issues. There are two entries into the portal, one for identified service providers and one for public access.

The Australian Government's website, www.problemgambling.gov.au, provides general information to the public about problem gambling, the harms and affects, how to access counselling and support and information on the Government's national gambling reforms. The site also provides first hand experiences from reformed problem gamblers, their friends and families and counsellors through video vodcasts.