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Topic: Problem Gambling

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Senator Cash asked:

Can you provide a breakdown of the number of staff (within the Problem Gambling Group) who come from industry or, if they have industry experience but have worked in government, what their industry experience is?

Answer:

The Problem Gambling Group has 32 staff who hold various qualifications, skills and experience in policy, legislation, compliance, regulation and communications. These staff have come from various agencies and organisations, some within the gaming industry.

There are three staff and contractors recruited specifically with gaming machines and gaming systems background. These are:

- 1) An Industry Specialist Advisor with experience in gambling regulation;
- 2) A staff member with particular skills to assist with the implementation of the ATM measure has been engaged; and
- 3) The Toneguzzo Group were contracted to provide advice on technical issues associated with the proposed gambling reforms and following the introduction of legislation, advice on the implementation of the *National Gambling Reform Act 2012* and its related matters. Mr Toneguzzo provided workshops and advice on
 - Pre-commitment
 - Features and benefits of gaming systems
 - Planning for the Establishment of the Regulator