

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**Topic:** Sports Lottery

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**Senator:** Farrell, Don

**Question:**

Senator FARRELL: Good. Now, the Sports Commission presumably has been aware of previous plans and ideas regarding a sports lottery?

Ms Palmer: Being new to this role I am unaware—

Senator FARRELL: [inaudible] last estimates.

Ms Palmer: I can take that on notice.

**Answer:**

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) is aware of previous ideas and proposals for a national lottery including:

- The issue of a national lottery was discussed in 1983 by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Expenditure, during its inquiry into Federal Government assistance to sport and recreation.
- During the lead-up to the Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games the idea of a National Lottery, with dedicated proceeds to sport, gained popularity.
- The Crawford Review in 2009 looked at the structure of Australian sport including a National Sport Lottery.
- Many of today's Lottery products owned by State Governments began as 'Good Cause' style revenue strategies and funded a broad range of activities such as housing for World War One Veterans, public hospitals and major infrastructure.
- The New South Wales Government initiated a lottery to help raise money for the construction of the Sydney Opera House after unsuccessful public fund raising campaigns. The first Sydney Opera House Lottery went on sale in November 1957, tickets were £5 (A\$10) and the first prize was £100,000 (A\$200,000). The last Opera House Lottery was drawn in September 1986. Over A\$105 million was raised by these lotteries.

- Through the development of the Lottery business case other countries' systems were analysed. These largely operate under very different legislative, commercial and consumer environments. For example the U.K. National Lottery, licensed by the U.K. Government, runs products across Lotto, Euromillions, Instants and Hot Picks as the major gambling operator.
- Lotteries in Canada are administered by five regional organizations. The five regional lotteries are members of a consortium known as the Interprovincial Lottery Corporation, which administers national games, including the flagship Lotto 6/49 and Lotto Max. The five lotteries offer draw games, scratch cards, and sports betting—the latter primarily under the brand Sport Select.