

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
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**2011-12 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No: 98**

**Topic:** Problem Gambling

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**Senator Bernardi** asked:

Has the Department received any correspondence from Mr Wilkie and/or the Greens with regards to the impacts of mandatory pre-commitment?

**Answer:**

The Department has received two pieces of correspondence from Mr Wilkie MP and one piece of correspondence from the Greens in relation to the impacts of mandatory pre-commitment.

In the first piece of correspondence dated 10 May 2010, Mr Andrew Wilkie MP wrote to the Hon Jenny Macklin MP, the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs providing a copy of the Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform's report on *The design and implementation of a mandatory pre-commitment system for electronic gaming machines*.

In the second piece of correspondence dated 29 September 2010, Mr Andrew Wilkie MP and Senator Nick Xenophon wrote to the Hon Jenny Macklin MP, the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs in response to claims by Clubs Australia regarding the proposed poker machine reforms.

On 26 July 2011, Senator Bob Brown, Australian Greens Leader wrote to the Hon Jenny Macklin MP, the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs on behalf of a constituent who had raised concerns about the possibility of small clubs that do not have poker machines being hit with new charges as a result of the proposed reforms.