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Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Online Gambling

Senator Xenophon asked:

I understand the ACMA will investigate internet gambling content if the website is hosted outside of Australia.

1. How many of these investigations have taken place in the year to date?
2. How many investigations took place in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013?
3. How many different gambling websites did these complaints relate to?
4. Can you provide a breakdown of the number of gambling websites complained about and the number of complaints each website received?

Answer:

1. In the year to date (1 January 2014 - 30 April 2014), the ACMA has completed ten investigations into potential internet gambling content hosted outside of Australia.
2. In respect of potential internet gambling content hosted outside of Australia, the ACMA completed:
 - 22 investigations in the 2010 calendar year;
 - 58 investigations in the 2011 calendar year;
 - 32 investigations in the 2012 calendar year; and
 - 15 investigations in the 2013 calendar year.
3. Of the completed investigations into potential internet gambling content hosted outside of Australia:
 - 12 different URLs were investigated in the 2010 calendar year;
 - 54 different URLs were investigated in the 2011 calendar year;
 - 27 different URLs were investigated in the 2012 calendar year;
 - 15 different URLs were investigated in the 2013 calendar year; and
 - 10 different URLs were investigated 1 January 2014 - 30 April 2014.
4. In the period 1 January 2010 to 30 April 2014, the ACMA has investigated 118 different URLs which hosted content outside of Australia. Each URL was referred by a single valid complaint, except for six URLs:
 - one URL was referred to the ACMA by 12 valid complaints;
 - one URL was referred to the ACMA by eight valid complaints;
 - one URL was referred to the ACMA by three valid complaints; and
 - three different URLs were referred to the ACMA by two valid complaints each.