

Paper for the Bills Committee

Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2003

**Contribution from gambling proceeds
to sports developments in other jurisdictions**

Purpose

This paper sets out information on how part of the proceeds from authorized gambling activities contribute to sports development in some other jurisdictions.

Funding arrangements for sports development

2. The promotion and development of sports are basically funded by government as part of the annual public expenditure programme in some other jurisdictions. In some jurisdictions, a specified part of the proceeds from authorized gambling activities is also used to support sports development, as an additional funding source. It serves mainly to supplement the government's expenditure on sports. The funding contributions take different forms. They include a specified percentage share of betting tax, a special levy on profits, as well as direct allocation from the profits or proceeds from particular gaming activities or licensed gaming providers.

3. A summary table showing the forms of funding contribution to sports development from gambling proceeds in other jurisdictions, based on the latest available information is at the *Annex*.

Contributions from gambling proceeds to sports development in other jurisdictions

Jurisdiction	Fund	Source of funding	Purpose
New South Wales (Australia)	Sport and Recreation Fund	The betting tax in respect of totalizators on non-racing events and two-thirds of the betting tax on football pools	To finance the operation of sporting associations and sporting facility capital projects
Victoria (Australia)	Community Support Fund*	25% of gross profits from gaming machines in hotels	To support sport and recreation programmes
Western Australia (Australia)	Sports Lotteries Account	5% of the net subscriptions from lotteries	To provide financial assistance to promote health, maximize the number of participants in sports at all levels, improve the overall quality of sport performance, etc.
Tasmania (Australia)	Community Support Levy*	2% – 4% levy on gross profits from gaming machines and Keno in hotels and clubs	The fund is allocated to various sporting organizations.

Jurisdiction	Fund	Source of funding	Purpose
New Zealand	Lotteries Grant*	Profits from the National Lottery	To support general sports development
Singapore		All profits from “SCORE” (a betting game based on the outcome of the Singapore Professional Football League (S.League)) Part of the operating surpluses of Singapore Pools (The only licensed organization for conducting football betting in Singapore)	The fund is dedicated to the S.League including support for the individual football clubs. To support sports development and promote sports activities among the general public
UK	Lotteries Fund*	28% of the proceeds from the National Lottery	To support sports development at local and national level, and finance capital projects for sports

* The ambit of the fund also cover other initiatives such as community projects and support for charitable organizations.