



# Cabinet

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## **Review of Gaming: Paper 4: Public Consultation**

On 29 May 2001 the Cabinet Policy Committee (POL) deferred consideration of four papers on the Review of Gaming (included under **CAB (01) 255-258**). POL invited the Minister of Internal Affairs and the Deputy Prime Minister to consult as required on issues raised in the papers, and invited the Minister of Internal Affairs to resubmit the papers, revised if required as a result of further consultation, to Cabinet.

The two Ministers have submitted a supplementary paper to be read in conjunction with the original paper on public consultation. It is attached at the front of the original submission under CAB (01) 258. The recommendations from the POL paper, set out below, have been amended to include a new paragraph (paragraph 3) drawn from the new paper.

Since the POL meeting the final synopsis of submissions has been made available, and the executive summary of that synopsis is attached at the back of the CAB (01) 258 as Annex A.

### **The Acting Minister of Internal Affairs recommends that Cabinet:**

#### **Consultation Programme**

- 1 note that, as directed by the Cabinet Committee on Government Expenditure and Administration, a programme of consultation with Maori, Pacific Island and other ethnic communities was undertaken between February and April 2001 [EXG (00) M 16/13];
- 2 note that 1280 written submissions have been made to the Gaming Review, and that these inform the current suite of Cabinet papers;
- 3 note the submissions will be used more fully in subsequent papers on the detail of the proposed regulatory regime;
- 4 note that the synopsis of the submissions to the Gaming Review (approximately 150 pages), prepared by the National Research Bureau, is available from the Office of the Minister of Internal Affairs, and the executive summary is attached to this paper as Annex A;

**Views expressed by Maori**

- 5 note that Maori expressed a diversity of views, including the following:
- 5.1 a Maori strategy and dedicated Maori providers are needed to address problem gambling, with a focus on prevention as well as treatment;
  - 5.2 a greater proportion of gaming proceeds should go to Maori;
  - 5.3 Maori gaming (eg a casino in Rotorua) can assist Maori economic development and help meet Maori education and health needs;
  - 5.4 there should be more equal and consistent regulatory treatment between gaming forms that have traditionally been used by Maori (eg Housie) and other forms of gaming;
  - 5.5 Maori should be involved at all levels, from policy development through gaming operation, to receiving funding and delivering problem gambling services.

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References: POL Min (01) 13/4-7, CAB (01) 255-257

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**Note: The paper under CAB (01) 258 is the same that under POL (01) 118**

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