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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, 27 November 2024 12:28 PM
To: s47F
Subject: RE: Gambling Reforms [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s47F

Thanks, I hope you've been well too.

You're right that we had committed to finalising our decision and making a public announcement on online wagering advertising reform by the end of the year. Any changes to legislation, etc would then be introduced to Parliament at the earliest opportunity next year.

However, it now seems as though we won't be in a position to do this and I can't confirm a revised timeframe.

I appreciate that this is really frustrating and hard to understand.

Whilst I recognise that this process is taking longer than hoped, ensuring that reforms are effective and comprehensive is critical.

The need for meaningful action remains clear and we continue the important work of developing further reforms to build on those already implemented.

It's challenging to say more than that and I don't want to just give you standard government talking points about complexity, etc either.

As a general observation though, I would note that decisions of this type require the support of the PM and Cabinet – ie, it's not enough for a Minister to have formed a view.

I acknowledge the ongoing toll this is taking on you and others, and I'm personally very sorry that we have not been able to secure an outcome thus far.

Kind regards

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From: s47F @hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 25 November 2024 3:06 PM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii) @mo.communications.gov.au>
Subject: Gambling Reforms

Hey s22(1)(a) hope you have been well I'm guessing it's been a very busy time for you.

I'm hoping you can give me some clarification on the further delays on gambling reform. Everything we have been told for the last couple of months from your office and the PM's office has been we will hear a government response to Peta Murphy's inquiry by the end of the year. I can not really fathom how this has been delayed again.

The affect the constant delays is having on all of us who gave evidence as Peta's inquiry is taking a massive toll on us. To wait up to 20 months for any type of response and actions surely can not be acceptable.

I've read that the legislation is "too hard" to be rushing in, but having 15 months since the report came down with nothing achieved doesn't really make any sense, especially when social media reform is getting done in less than a month and is just as big a piece of legislation.

I think we have a right to understand what the actual reasons are for the delay given we put our stories out their at the inquiry and afterwards to try and create change that isn't happen.

I understand you can not go into everything, but a response more than just that it's very complex legislation would be appreciated.

Regards,

s47F

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, 27 November 2024 12:43 PM
To: s47F
Subject: RE: Clarification of announcement expectations [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s47F

Thanks, it's certainly a busy time. I hope you've been well.

You're right that we had committed to finalising our decision and making a public announcement on online wagering advertising reform by the end of the year. Any changes to legislation, etc would then be introduced to Parliament at the earliest opportunity next year.

However, it now seems as though we won't be in a position to do this. Unfortunately, I can't confirm a revised timeframe either.

I appreciate that this is really frustrating and hard to understand.

Whilst I recognise that this process is taking longer than hoped, ensuring that reforms are effective and comprehensive is critical.

I can't really say more than that and I don't want to just give you standard government talking points.

As a general observation though, I would note that decisions of this type require the support of the PM and Cabinet (ie, it's not enough for a Minister to have formed a view), which I know you appreciate.

No issue regarding criticism. Given the circumstances, you've been incredibly patient and reasonable, and your concerns completely understandable.

I acknowledge the impact this is all having on you and your family, and I'm personally very sorry that we have not been able to secure an outcome thus far.

Thanks for sharing the RN Breakfast interview and thank you for your kind words.

Kind regards

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From: s47F @hotmail.com>
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Subject: Clarification of announcement expectations

Hi s22(1)(a)

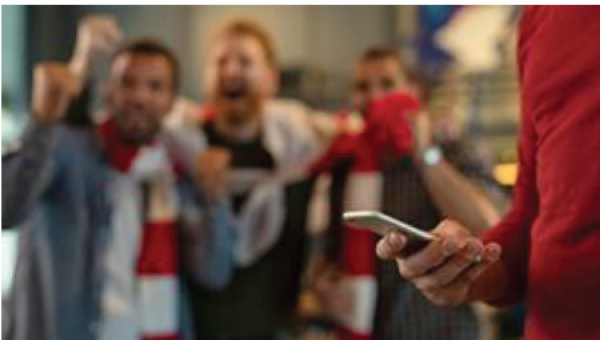
I hope you are managing some down time in what I'm sure is a very busy week for you and your office.

I am just seeking clarification on whether or not your office will make an announcement on gambling reform? When Minister Rowland said her office would announce the reform before the end of the year, I assumed it would be during the sitting week.

I would really appreciate if you can shed light on this timeline, even though I understand that you can't share data or details.

I imagine being in politics means you have to absorb a lot of criticism. Sadly, being apart of the gambling reform discussion has been a disillusioning experience and my family and I are completely at a loss to understand how there could be no announcement regarding this reform. I hope your office understands it would both help people and gain the popularity of voters by doing the right thing and implementing a full advertising ban, among other recommendations.

If you're interested, here is the RN breakfast where you are mentioned at the start.



Kate and the message she wants the PM to hear -
ABC listen
abc.net.au

Have a nice Monday.

Thanks,

s47F