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Orders of the Day

15   Report of the Legislative Council Select Committee Final Report on AFL in Tasmania: Consideration and noting (Mr *Dean*)

13   Adjourned Debate (Ms Forrest) on the Question proposed on 17 March 2020 -

(1)   That the Legislative Council notes:
  (a)   Australia (with the exception of Western Australia), has an approach to poker machine policy and regulation that is significantly different to virtually all similar countries globally, resulting in Australia having:

    (i)   a disproportionately high number of poker machines per capita;
    (ii)   a typical style of poker machine that is regarded as 'high intensity'; and
    (iii) a comparatively high level of harm due to the use of poker machines.

  (b)   Poker machines typically in use in Australia are designed and programmed to include features that increase the likelihood of addiction, with evidence suggesting that normal use of Australian poker machines is likely to cause addiction in one in six users, these features relate to:

<li value="1">spin speed;
bet limits;
maximum jackpot;
near misses;
losses disguised as wins; and
return to player.

(c)   It is possible to modify the design and programming features of poker machines to decrease the likelihood of addiction, and such modifications would have little impact on the recreational use of poker machines by Tasmanians.

(d)   The impact of harm caused by poker machine use on Tasmanian health and mental health services, family support services, welfare services, criminal justice system, domestic violence services, housing and homelessness services, productivity and level of unemployment, is not currently measured and monitored by the Tasmanian Government so as to effectively inform policy development and regulation relating to poker machines.

(e)   Data available on poker machine use indicates:

(i)   at least 23,000 Tasmanians are in at-risk groups (low, moderate and problem gambling);

(ii)   one in three Tasmanians personally know someone with a serious problem with gambling on poker machines;

(iii)   79 per cent of Tasmanian Gamblers Help clients have poker machines as their primary form of gambling; and

(iv)   40 – 60 per cent of the money taken by poker machines comes from people addicted to the machines or are classified as at-risk.

(f)   The Social and Economic Impact Study (SEIS) 2017 notes limitations to the collection of accurate and reliable data in Tasmania on:

(i)   the use of poker machines, including accurate frequency and expenditure; and

(ii)   employment figures related to poker machines in hotels and clubs.

(g)   To date, the Tasmanian Government has not released and made available for public scrutiny and discussion, modelling on the social and economic impact of the proposed new poker machine licensing arrangements to be introduced in Tasmania in 2023.

(2)   The Legislative Council calls on the Tasmanian Government to undertake and publicly release modelling on the social and economic impact of the proposed new poker machine licensing arrangements to be introduced in Tasmania in 2023.

Notice of Motion

3   Ms *Rattray* to move — That the Tasmanian Irrigation Annual Report 2018-2019 be considered and noted.

Question Time 2.30 pm

Orders of the Day and Notice of Motion continued

Adjournment

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Clerk of the Council