



PREMIER OF TASMANIA

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Ms Kristy Johnston
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Dear Ms Johnston

Thank you for your constituency question of 19 November 2024, in relation to the Government's Electronic Gaming Machines (EGMs) mandatory pre-commitment card policy.

The Tasmanian Government remains committed to implementing harm minimisation measures to reduce the harm caused by EGMs while providing the opportunity for people to exercise their free choice.

As announced last year, a range of harm minimisation measures will be progressed to reduce the harm associated with EGMs while the Government defers progress on a mandatory pre-commitment card.

The Government is pursuing a range of harm minimisation strategies in line with our election commitment. The Government will develop a broader harm minimisation package that may include facial recognition technology (FRT) and other emerging technologies which are now in use in other states and can improve harm reduction outcomes in Tasmania.

We are also investigating how the Tasmanian Gambling Exclusion Scheme can be reformed to support more Tasmanians who need help with their gambling behaviour.

We will be increasing funding for wrap-around support services so that we can help those who need it and I am committed to working with community service organisations to ensure the right supports are available.

Implementing these other harm minimisation measures is more practicable, cost-effective for the Tasmanian taxpayer and guarantees that help will be available for those who need it far sooner, and we will monitor the progress of such a system in other jurisdictions.

The Government understands the need to get the balance right between implementing effective harm minimisation measures and regulatory implications and understanding the complexities and costs associated with implementing a mandatory card-based system.

We made a commitment to Tasmanians to implement new poker machine harm reduction initiatives, and that's exactly what we will do.

Yours sincerely



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Premier