

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Sports Wagering Senior Officials Working Group

Purpose

The Sports Wagering Senior Officials (SWSO) Working Group brings together representatives of state and territory wagering regulatory and policy agencies, as well as the Sport Integrity Taskforce (Taskforce) to assist with the development and implementation of relevant aspects of the Government's response to the Wood Review.

Roles and responsibilities

- Through consideration of discussion papers circulated through the Taskforce, contribute experience and expertise to the development and implementation of sports wagering related aspects of the Government Response to the Wood Review, principally the Australian Sports Wagering Scheme.
- Where necessary, undertake to provide an 'agency position' on complex regulatory matters, including the development of a Commonwealth framework for the regulation of sports integrity related aspects of sports wagering.
- Act as a 'jurisdictional sounding-board' for relevant papers/proposals developed for consideration by intergovernmental councils of ministers or senior officials.
- In the spirit of open and candid consultation, recognise they will have access to materials that are not yet public and treat those materials with the appropriate discretion.

Membership and context

The SWSO Working Group comprises representatives of state and territory wagering regulatory and policy agencies, as well as the Taskforce.

The work and recommendations of the SWSO Working Group will inform discussion and decision making of the Sports Integrity Steering Committee (SISC) in the context of papers submitted to the SISC through the Taskforce.

Secretariat support to the SWSO Working Group will be provided by the Taskforce.

Membership of the working group is purposefully developed to facilitate discussion of sensitive matters relating to sports wagering regulation to enable authorities to develop a position prior to broader discussion with sport integrity stakeholders (including through the Australian Sports Wagering Scheme Advisory Groups).

The work of the SWSO Working Group will be closely linked to that of Australian Sports Wagering Scheme Advisory Group, membership of which is primarily focussed on sporting and gambling industry stakeholders, but does have representative from state departments of sport and liquor and gaming. It is anticipated that in most cases, the ASWS Advisory Group will consider proposals initially developed by the Taskforce in close collaboration with the SWSO Working Group.

Meeting frequency

The SWSO Working Group will meet as required where input and/or comments on key project deliverables are needed. Meetings will take place either in person or via teleconference.

Proxies

Members of the SWSO Working Group have been nominated based on their expertise and experience in their field and their ability/authority to represent the views of their wagering regulatory and/or policy agency or related body.

Where a member of the SWSO Working Group is no longer able to participate, decisions regarding a replacement will be made by the Sports Integrity Steering Committee.