



Fixed Odds Betting Terminals APPG

Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP
Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
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Dear Secretary of State,

Gaming Machines and Social Responsibility Measures

Following the publication of the Gambling Commission's formal advice on the *Review of Gaming Machines and Social Responsibility Measures*, we are writing to you following a recent meeting the Fixed Odds Betting Terminals All Party Parliamentary Group (FOBT APPG) has held with the Gambling Commission.

As we set out to you in our previous correspondence (20 March 2018), the FOBT APPG is deeply concerned that the Gambling Commission did not go far enough in its recent advice, to your department, in relation to FOBT machines (Category B2) and that as a result the Government will not seize the opportunity to set a £2 stake.

The APPG met with the Gambling Commission this week to set out its concerns. We thought it important to write to you after this meeting. The Gambling Commission strongly underlined to us that their advice to your department was very clear in relation to the FOBT stake. They recommend a stake of £30 **or less** and they **do not in any way object to a stake of £2**. In turn, we wanted to underline this point to you, particularly in the context of some misrepresentation of this position in the media.



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We would be grateful for an urgent meeting with you to discuss this critical issue and will ask our offices to follow up to find a mutually agreeable time.

Yours Ever,

Carolyn Harris MP

Chair of the Fixed Odds Betting Terminals APPG

The Rt Hon Iain Duncan Smith MP

cc. We are copying this letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.