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GAMING MACHINE (WOMEN'S SPORTS) AMENDMENT BILL 2002

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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Gaming Machine (Women's Sports) Amendment Bill 2002

Summary

As part of the Government's 'Plan for Women' to provide support for the choices that women want to make in their lives, the Government announced its policy for Women in Sport.

This policy recognised that sportswomen and women's sporting teams fight a continual battle for recognition, media coverage, funding and sponsorship and that women's sport is too often left behind when it comes to securing the cash to fund operational needs, even at the elite level of sport.

This proposal seeks to encourage ACT licensed clubs to help redress this situation by providing that licensed clubs will be able to claim \$4.00 against their statutory community contributions requirement for every \$3.00 donated specifically for the benefit and enhancement of women's sport in the ACT.

Revenue/Cost Implications

This amendment has no financial implications for the Territory, as it would be contained within the statutory community contributions required to be made by the clubs under the Act.

Details of the Bill follow.



Details of the Gaming Machine (Women's Sports) Amendment Bill 2002

Clause 1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Gaming Machine (Women's Sports) Amendment Act 2002*.

Clause 2 Commencement

The Act commences on the day after its notification day.

Clause 3 Act amended

This Act amends the *Gaming Machine Act 1987*

Clause 4 Section 60B(1)(b)

This substitution provides for the inclusion of an additional category of community contribution that benefit or enhance women's sport conducted in the Territory, or with participants predominately based in the Territory.

Clause 5 New section 60G (4) and (5)

New section 60G(4) enables licensed clubs to claim \$4.00 against their statutory community contributions requirement for every \$3.00 donated to an organisation specified under the Ministerial Guidelines specifically for the benefit and enhancement of women's sport in the ACT.

New section 60G(5) defines “**Women's sport community contributions**” for the purposes of section 60G(4).