

Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform

Inquiry into the prevention and treatment of problem gambling

Public hearing Wednesday, 2 May 2012 – Question on notice

Proof Transcript of Evidence, page 52:

Mr Ferrar: In most jurisdictions maximum bets are unlimited.

Senator XENOPHON: It would be helpful to me, and I hope to the committee, if you would provide, perhaps on notice, details of those jurisdictions where they are unlimited. That would be so you would have adequate time to provide that.

Typically, the maximum bet on gaming machines is not regulated. For example, attached is a list of 55 regulatory jurisdictions in the USA – 43 of which have no regulated limit.

The GTA has commissioned a World Count of Gaming Machines survey regularly since 1999, in order to estimate the number of gaming machines legitimately operating worldwide at that time. The most recent survey was completed in February 2012 and includes a summary of available maximum bet information¹.

It is noteworthy that, in addition to a \$2.50 maximum bet in New Zealand's clubs and hotels, an unlimited maximum bet applies to gaming machines operating in casinos.

It is also noteworthy that in July 2011, 'Category A' games were defined in the United Kingdom with an unlimited maximum bet (in addition to 11 other categories whose maximum bet ranges from 10p to £100). At March 2011, the UK had 157,070 gaming machines of which 31,484 had a £100 maximum bet (known as Category B2 games).

¹ Under <http://gamingta.com/library.html> "World Count of Gaming Machines 2011", page 25.

Jurisdiction Description	Bet Max
Arkansas Racing	No Regulated Limit
Alberta	No Regulated Limit
Arizona	\$25.00
California Baronas Std Tribes	No Regulated Limit
California GLI-11 Std Tribes	No Regulated Limit
Colorado	\$100.00
Connecticut	No Regulated Limit
California Viejas Std Tribes	No Regulated Limit
Michigan State	No Regulated Limit
Florida - State	No Regulated Limit
Florida- Seminole Tribe	No Regulated Limit
Iowa Tribal	No Regulated Limit
Iowa Racing & Gaming	No Regulated Limit
Idaho	No Regulated Limit
Illinois	No Regulated Limit
Illinois - Video Gaming Terminals	\$2.00
Indiana	No Regulated Limit
Kansas (New)	No Regulated Limit
Kansas Racing and Gaming (State)	No Regulated Limit
Louisiana Land Based	No Regulated Limit
Louisiana Riverboat	No Regulated Limit
Louisiana Chitimacha Tribe	No Regulated Limit
Louisiana Tnca-Bloxi/Cshitta Tbs	No Regulated Limit
Maine	\$100.00
Maine Lottery	No Regulated Limit
Maryland Lottery	\$500.00
Michigan Tribal	No Regulated Limit
Minnesota	No Regulated Limit
Missouri Riverboat	No Regulated Limit
Mississippi Tribal	No Regulated Limit
Mississippi State	\$3,000.00
North Carolina	\$25.00
North Carolina Tribal (Raffle)	No Regulated Limit
North Dakota	\$25.00
New Jersey	No Regulated Limit
New Mexico Tribal	No Regulated Limit
New Mexico State	\$3,000.00
Nevada State	No Regulated Limit
Nova Scotia	No Regulated Limit
New Brunswick	No Regulated Limit
New York Lottery	\$1,000.00
New York Oneida Tribal	No Regulated Limit
New York Tribal (Seneca/St. Regis Mohawk)	No Regulated Limit
Ohio - Casino	No Regulated Limit
Oklahoma Compact - Class 3	No Regulated Limit
Ontario	No Regulated Limit
Oregon	No Regulated Limit
Pennsylvania Lottery	No Regulated Limit
Puerto Rico	No Regulated Limit
Rhode Island Lottery	\$500.00
Saskatchewan	No Regulated Limit
South Dakota	\$100.00
U. S. Virgin Islands	No Regulated Limit
Wisconsin - Forest County Potawatomi	No Regulated Limit
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