

Written submission from Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar

Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar have looked into the proposed new devolution of legislative competence relating to Fixed-odds Betting Terminals (“FOBTs”) and the issues surrounding it.

There is one licensed betting premise in the Western Isles area which does not have any Fixed-odds Betting Terminals in it and there have been no recent submissions or proposals for any new betting premises to trade in our area.

Committee’s Call for evidence

The Committee invited all interested parties to submit written evidence on the proposals for Clause 45 *Gaming machines on licensed betting premises*. These are our answers to the following questions:

1. What would be the benefits and disadvantages for you as a consequence of the UK Government’s proposed provision in the Scotland Bill 2015?
2. What would be the benefits and disadvantages for you as a consequence of the proposed alternative provision suggested by the Scottish Government?
3. Which of these approaches do you prefer, and why?

For the 3 above questions, as our council area does not have substantial betting premises or any Fixed-odds Betting Terminals, we do not have an opinion on which approach would be preferable.

4. Are there any changes in this area of law you would like to see which are not covered by either proposal, and why?

No.

5. Please make any further comment you feel is relevant to Committee’s inquiry into FOBTs.

No further comment