

**Gambling Tax Reforms (GTR). Implementation Working Group 100**  
**Parliament Street, London – 18 December 2013**

**Attendees:**

Sally Beggs - chair	HMRC Deputy Director Indirect Taxes
Andrew Grimsley	HMRC
Katherine Mansfield	HMRC
Brian O'Kane	HMRC
Sue Rossiter	Remote Gaming Association
Martin Allsop	Remote Gaming Association
Victoria Daniels	Remote Gaming Association
Andrew Smyth	Remote Gaming Association
Leslie McLeod-Miller	BACTA
John Powell	BACTA
Cherry Hosking	Bingo Association
James Barrow	Association of British Bookmakers
Adam Smith	Association of British Bookmakers
Sarah Kostense Winterton	Gibraltar Betting and Gaming Association
Alasdair MacEwan	Gibraltar Betting and Gaming Association
Sandra Silcock	HMRC Secretariat

**Main points of discussion**

Sally Beggs welcomed the trade representatives to the first meeting of the Group.

Sally explained that HMRC will rely on the representatives to express the views of their members and emphasised the key role of the Group in steering communications products and helping stakeholders to prepare for go-live on 1 December 2014.

The draft terms of reference were agreed.

The RGA requested that representatives are able to suggest agenda items and that the agenda is sent out sufficiently in advance to enable them to send the appropriate people to each meeting.

A note of each meeting will be shared and published on the HMRC website.

**timetable for the reform**

Andy Grimsley briefed the Group on past consultations, and highlighted the draft clauses which were published on 10 December as part of the Autumn Statement documents. The purpose of this consultation is to provide stakeholders with an opportunity to highlight technical deficiencies in the clauses.

The Group expressed an intention to provide feedback on the draft clauses by 9 January 2014.

The draft clauses will be incorporated into the Finance Bill 2014. The Bill will be subject to the usual Parliamentary debate.

### **Pooled gambling**

Brian O'Kane explained the approach to pooled gambling and agreed to provide worked examples for the Group to consider.

### **Communications**

Katherine Mansfield emphasised that HMRC recognise the importance of good communications and emphasised that the Group has a key role in this. The Group discussed identifying and communicating with those affected by the reform and it was agreed we would use high level information notes, HMRC's dedicated GTR 2014 web page, FAQs and existing trade sector publications (details will be provided by RGA – now done).

The Group agreed to have their association contacts published on HMRC's GTR 2014 web page should operators prefer to contact them for information rather than HMRC.

### **The definition of UK Person**

The Group will feedback comments on the draft information note which was published as part of the Autumn Statement documents.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting should be at the end of January 2014, with a further meeting at the end of February. The focus for the next meeting will be on registration and returns. HMRC will provide further guidance in advance of the meeting.

Meeting closed at 2pm