



Relevant Agencies

Gambling Commission

A statutorily independent Gambling Commission will be appointed to:

- consider applications for the renewal of casino premises licences when they expire (the first expires in 2019)
- decide whether to suspend or cancel a casino operator's or premises licence
- consider agreements (and changes to agreements) between casino operators and premises licence holders
- consider applications for casino operators' licences
- decide appeals relating to licensed promoters' licences
- decide appeals relating to class 3 and class 4 licences.

The Gambling Commission will comprise:

- Up to five Commissioners to be appointed by the Governor General, on the recommendation of the Minister of Internal Affairs
- One of the five Commissioners will be the Chief Commissioner who will be required to have at least 7 years experience as a barrister and solicitor of the High Court.

The Gambling Commission will be required to sit in a division of up to three members in the performance of most of its functions.

Administrative support (eg office accommodation, secretarial services) will be provided by the Department of Internal Affairs.

The Gambling Commission will not be able to hold property or employ people.

The Department of Internal Affairs' Role

The Department of Internal Affairs will carry out the following functions:

- providing gambling policy
- licensing of class 3 and 4 gambling (mainly large-scale lotteries, housie and gaming machines)
- setting the licence conditions and operating procedures for all licensed gaming, including casinos
- monitoring compliance with the Act, regulations, licence conditions and equipment standards and
- enforcing the Act and its regulations.
- A specialised unit within the Department of Internal Affairs will be responsible for all forms of gambling law enforcement, including applying for and executing search warrants in respect of gambling offences, and also for gambling-related crimes involving dishonesty.

Casino Control Authority

The Casino Control Authority has fulfilled its role of establishing the casino industry in New Zealand. Now that there will be no more casinos licensed, there will be no future role for the Authority. It will be disestablished shortly after the commencement of the Act.

This additional time will ensure that the Authority can complete its business, reconcile its accounts, and attend to

its statutory reporting requirements. It will also provide time for the new Gambling Commission to be appointed.

New Zealand Lotteries Commission and New Zealand Lottery Grants Board

The New Zealand Lotteries Commission operates Lotto, Instant Kiwi and a range of other products to raise funds for distribution to the community by the Lottery Grants Board. The Commission will continue that role and remain in public ownership. The Lottery Grants Board will continue to receive the Lotteries Commission profits and distribute this money to the community.