



Gambling Commission consultation on an annual assurance statement ends on 19 April

The Gambling Commission is currently conducting a supplementary consultation on the introduction of an annual assurance statement for the largest gambling operators and groups, relating to the licensing objectives. It seeks views on the structure and content of the intended assurance statement.

The Commission describes the consultation as *“specifically relevant to all large operators but also to those with an interest in the Commission’s approach to assurance statements”*.

In terms of background, the Commission’s August–October 2014 consultation entitled *“Proposed amendments to the social responsibility provisions in the licence conditions and codes of practice”* included an outline proposal to introduce such an annual statement of assurance.

After assessing views on this proposal, the Commission concluded in its February 2015 *“Strengthening social responsibility”* document that it would take the proposal forward and issue a supplementary consultation in which it would provide further details on the contents of the assurance statement.

The consultation containing those details commenced in February and the closing date for responses is Sunday 19 April, so time is short for those still wishing to respond.

The Annual Assurance Statement consultation document and a consultation response form can be found on the Gambling Commission’s website at www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk

The Commission has stated that it will write to operators in summer 2015 to confirm submission timescales and the licensed entities for which an assurance statement will be required.

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