

Lotteries Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2013

Explanatory notes for SL 2013 No. 200

made under the

Lotteries Act 1997

General Outline

Short title

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Authorising law

Section 228 of the *Lotteries Act 1997*.

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The policy objective of the amendment regulation is to amend the *Lotteries Regulation 2007* to provide for the Monday and Wednesday Gold Lotto Bloc.

Golden Casket Lottery Corporation Limited (Golden Casket) is a member of the Australian Lotto Bloc (the Bloc). The Bloc is a body comprising each of the Australian lottery operators that wish to participate in national lotteries, such as Saturday Gold Lotto.

While Golden Casket participates in a range of national lotteries, the company now wish to join the national Monday and Wednesday Lotto Bloc. Monday and Wednesday Gold Lotto is currently conducted in all states and territories excluding Queensland. Participation in the Bloc will result in the closure of Golden Casket's 'Queensland' Wednesday Gold Lotto game.

The Monday and Wednesday Gold Lotto games are discrete Gold Lotto draws and each game may be played independently of the other.

The format of the Monday and Wednesday Gold Lotto draws is the same as the current 'Queensland' Wednesday game in that six balls are drawn from the drawing equipment to become the winning numbers and then two further balls are drawn for the supplementary numbers. The only difference between the national games and Queensland game is that the national games include a Division 6 prize. This format is indicative of all three national Gold Lotto draws (i.e. Monday, Wednesday and Saturday).

Minor amendments to the *Lotteries Regulation 2007* are required to include a reference to the Monday Gold Lotto draw. The Regulation already provides for a Wednesday game, albeit a game currently exclusive to Queensland.

Achievement of policy objectives

The policy objectives are achieved by–

- amending section 4 of the *Lotteries Regulation 2007* to refer to a ‘Monday and Wednesday gold lotto ball drawing device’; and
- amending Schedule 4 of the *Lotteries Regulation 2007* to provide that the definition for ‘declared lottery’ refers to ‘Monday and Wednesday gold lotto’.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The amendments in the regulation are consistent with the policy objectives of the authorising legislation, which is to ensure that on balance, the State and the community as a whole benefit from gambling.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The amendment regulation is consistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Benefits and costs of implementation

There are no significant costs associated with implementation of these amendments.

The amendments to the *Lotteries Regulation 2007* to provide for Monday and Wednesday Gold Lotto will likely increase taxation revenue as Queenslanders will now have the opportunity to participate in the Monday Gold Lotto draw.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The amendment regulation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles as it does not affect the rights and liberties of individuals and does not erode the institution of Parliament.

Consultation

The Office of Best Practice Regulation was consulted in relation to the proposals and has confirmed a Regulatory Impact Statement is not required.

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet and Queensland Treasury and Trade have no objection to the introduction of a Monday and Wednesday Gold Lotto Bloc.

The New South Wales Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing and the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation have been consulted. There are no concerns with Queensland entering the national Monday and Wednesday Gold Lotto games.

Golden Casket has advised that the Lotteries Commission of South Australia, on behalf of SA Lotteries, have confirmed their support.