

# **Lotteries Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2014**

Explanatory notes for SL 2014 No. 213

made under the

*Lotteries Act 1997*

## **General Outline**

### **Short title**

*Lotteries Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2014*

### **Authorising law**

Sections 94(2) and 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* (Lotteries Regulation) to provide for the introduction of the 'Set for Life' lotto game in Queensland.

The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice has given approval to Golden Casket Lottery Corporation Limited (Golden Casket) to introduce the new lottery product 'Set for Life' lotto. Lottery operators in each jurisdiction have agreed to enter into a bloc arrangement for the purpose of pooling subscriptions. This will allow for the sale of the product in each of the eight jurisdictions. Tickets will be on sale through Golden Casket's retail outlets and its internet site.

There are eight prize levels in the lottery. The total first division prize pool for the game is limited to a maximum of \$19.2 million, which covers four first division prize winners. The maximum first division prize consists of \$4.8 million, paid progressively over a 20 year period, i.e. \$20,000 per month over 20 years. Should there be more than four winners of the first division prize, the \$19.2 million will be divided equally between all winners.

The remaining seven prize levels receive a defined percentage of the remaining prize pool available for distribution from the draw. The total prize pool for the lottery will be 63.25% of the total subscriptions, excluding commission.

A ticket in the 'Set for Life' lotto cost a minimum of \$8.40 and provides the ticket holder with two games in a daily draw over seven consecutive days.

Multi-week tickets will also be available whereby registered tickets may be purchased in advance for two or more weeks, up to a maximum of 52 weeks. Unregistered tickets will be available for two or more weeks, up to a maximum of 10 weeks.

## **Achievement of policy objectives**

The policy objectives will be achieved by amending the definition of 'declared lottery' within Schedule 4 'Dictionary' of the Lotteries Regulation to apply the declared lottery tax rate of 73.48% to the 'Set for Life' lotto.

An amendment is also required to the definition of 'multi-week sale' within Schedule 4 'Dictionary' to provide for the timing of drawings after a ticket has been sold. 'Set for Life' lotto tickets must be purchased for a minimum of seven draws, drawn daily over seven consecutive days. Therefore, a ticket for a multi-week sale must commence on the eighth draw after the ticket has been purchased.

An amendment is required to section 17AQ of the Lotteries Regulation to provide for the timing of the cancellation of a ticket. As players can purchase a ticket for seven days, any cancellation must be made before the first draw on the ticket so that all seven draws can be cancelled.

A minor amendment has also been made to the definition of 'random number generator' within section 4 of the Lotteries Regulation to simplify this definition. Subsections (2) and (3) are omitted as there is no longer a need for clarification that a lottery ball drawing device is within scope of the definition provided within subsection (1).

## **Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law**

The Amendment Regulation is consistent with the policy objectives of the authorising legislation.

## **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 the implementation of the Amendment Regulation.

## **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 proposal and has advised a Regulatory Impact Statement is not required.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet and Queensland Treasury and Trade were consulted and raised no objections to the proposal.