

Lotteries Amendment Regulation 2024

Explanatory notes for SL 2024 No. 37

Made under the

Lotteries Act 1997

General Outline

Short Title

Lotteries Amendment Regulation 2024

Authorising law

Sections 94 and 96 of the *Lotteries Act 1997*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The *Lotteries Amendment Regulation 2024* (Amendment Regulation) makes minor amendments to the *Lotteries Regulation 2007* (Lotteries Regulation) to preserve existing lottery tax arrangements following the rebranding of an approved lottery.

The amendments are necessary to ensure that existing lottery tax arrangements (as provided for in section 7 of the Lotteries Regulation) continue to apply to the game currently known as Monday and Wednesday Gold Lotto following its rebranding to Weekday Windfall as the result of commercial decisions by the lottery operator and the Australian Lottery Bloc (subject to related Government approvals).

The amendment Regulation also amends the Lotteries Regulation to remove references to the former lottery known as Pools, which is no longer conducted or authorised to be conducted in Queensland.

Achievement of policy objectives

The Amendment Regulation achieves the objective of preserving existing tax arrangements by amending the definition of a declared lottery to include Weekday Windfall. Declared lotteries are subject to the 73.48% lottery tax at section 7 of the Lotteries Regulation.

The objective of removing obsolete references to Pools is achieved through the amendment of various provisions referencing that lottery.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The amendment regulation is consistent with the main objects of the Lotteries Act, that is to ensure that on balance, the State and the community as a whole benefit from lotteries.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

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

Benefits and costs of implementation

The Amendment Regulation will benefit the State and the community as a whole by allowing lottery tax to continue to be collected on the rebranded Weekday Windfall game.

Costs to Government associated with implementing the Amendment Regulation are expected to be negligible, as the only changes made are of a machinery nature and do not alter existing tax arrangements.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The Amendment Regulation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

The lottery operator has advised that the proposal is supported by its lottery agency representatives.

The Department of Justice and Attorney-General consulted interstate regulators, who are responsible for regulatory approvals relating to the rebranding in other jurisdictions where Monday and Wednesday Gold Lotto is offered.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) was notified of the Amendment Regulation. A summary Impact Analysis Statement has been completed that identifies that the Amendment Regulation is not subject to regulatory impact assessment requirements under the *Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy* as it is a regulatory proposal that (a) is machinery in nature, and (b) relates to tax.