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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Fringe event
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Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for your email. Sorry for the delayed reply- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Good to know about the session at party conference. In common with most public bodies we don't usually attend any of the conferences. If you attend one you have to attend them all to demonstrate balance and that starts to get both time consuming and expensive.

Hope the panel goes well

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2024 1:13 PM
To: [REDACTED]@gamblingcommission.gov.uk>
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Dear [REDACTED]

I hope this finds you well and that you've had a nice summer.

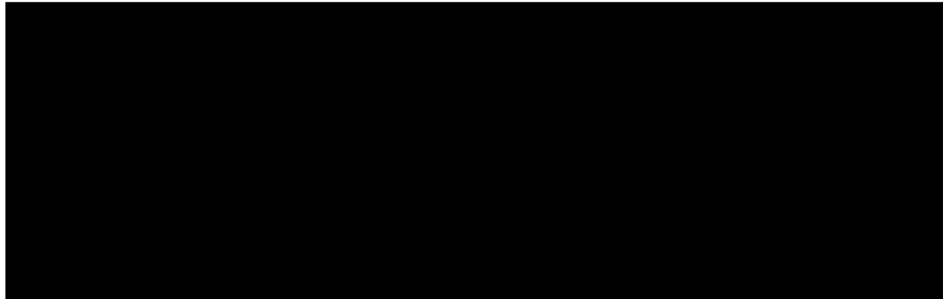
I don't know if you go to party conferences, but wanted to make you aware of a fringe event that we (the SMF) will be holding in Liverpool at 10am on Tuesday 24th. We hold a panel event on gambling every year at party conference and tend to have an interesting discussion with a room of relevant stakeholders.

This year, I wanted the panel to focus on the question of gambling economics and its social impact. Questions we might cover would be: are the industry claims about jobs and GVA true? What about addiction and the fiscal costs of harm and the burden on public services? What about offshore tax avoidance by multinationals? Would increasing tax on big gambling companies help fill the Chancellor's £20bn black hole? Is gambling something we should be encouraging, is it a productive part of the economy? Should regulation aim to reduce consumption? What does it say about speculation in general, and about the regulation of similar tech / addictive sectors? What about similar debates over tobacco and alcohol?

I hope for the discussion to be interesting and broad, while also focussing on some key

policy challenges facing the new Government and following the recent White Paper.

The panelists will be:



My assumption is that [REDACTED] will talk about priorities for government, [REDACTED] will talk about the economics of harm, [REDACTED] will talk about new research being conducted by NIESR and I'll talk about tax and productive economies. We've also invited [REDACTED] who recently supported a report by the ethical lender Salad Money, which found that a high proportion of people who applied for emergency loans had serious gambling problems. The Minister is aware of the event.

It would be really nice to see you there if you happen to be in Liverpool that day. If not, maybe you could let your colleagues and any other interested parties know about the event. I would be very happy to answer any questions they might have.

Yours,

