

Ministerial Meeting on Online Wagering and Harm Minimisation

3 February 2023

COMMUNIQUE

1. Commonwealth, state and territory ministers responsible for online wagering met today via video link. It marked the first meeting of ministers since September 2017.
2. Acknowledging the regulatory challenges posed by online wagering due its borderless nature, all Ministers reaffirmed their shared commitment to pursue actions to prevent and further reduce harm from online wagering, to ensure a safer environment for consumers of online wagering products and to provide ongoing support for those experiencing harm.
3. Today's meeting also gave ministers an opportunity to review the implementation of the National Consumer Protection Framework for Online Wagering (National Framework) and explore areas of future focus.
4. Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to ensuring national consistency in the implementation and enforcement of the National Framework measures.
5. Ministers noted the emerging themes from submissions to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs inquiry into online gambling and its impacts on those experiencing gambling harm. Ministers also discussed broader harm minimisation measures being pursued by the Commonwealth and states and territories.
6. Ministers agreed to establish a senior officials working group to consider future reform ahead of another ministerial meeting later in the year.