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From the Chairman's Office

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Dr Roger Clarke
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Dear Dr Clarke

Thank you for your letter of 24 April concerning Betfair's submission to the Productivity Commission's gambling inquiry, and the possible privacy issues it raises.

To the extent that privacy implications arise in any of the issues we examine, we will seek views on how to minimise the risks involved. Moreover, if such issues arise from any of the draft recommendations in the Commission's draft report, participants will have a further opportunity to give us their views. As is our usual practice, we will not finalise our report until we have provided participants with the opportunity to respond to the draft report, through submissions, a further round of consultations, and public hearings.

If you wish to provide us with a public submission on any privacy issues related to gambling, or on any other aspects of gambling policy, we would welcome this. You may read all public submissions at www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/gambling-2009/submissions.

The Government has extended the final reporting date for the gambling inquiry to 26 February 2010. As a result, we now expect to produce a draft report around October this year and will hold hearings and further consultations prior to Christmas.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Banks". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.

Gary Banks AO
Chairman