

10 November 2023

Ms Sarah Connolly MP
Chair
Public Accounts and Estimates Committee
Parliament House
Spring Street
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Dear Ms Connolly

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee: Inquiry into the Victorian Auditor-General's reports no. 99: Follow up of Regulating Gambling and Liquor (2019) and no. 213: Reducing the Harm Caused by Gambling (2021) (the PAEC Inquiry)

Thank you for your letter dated 29 September 2023 requesting additional information.

You have requested the following Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation (VRGF) documents:

- Sector Development Strategy
- Final report of the Service System Review by Impact Co
- Reducing Gambling Harm Outcomes Framework baseline report
- Prevention Programming Framework developed in collaboration with La Trobe University
- Evaluation Framework.

We have now received the required government approval to provide these documents to PAEC and attach the following:

1. Sector Development Strategy 2023-24 and implementation plan (Ref: EDRMS-110304977-208)

The Sector Development Strategy is an internal working document and has not been made available publicly or formally endorsed by the Foundation's Board.

Please note personal information of third parties and non-executive staff has been redacted from this version of the report.

While we would prefer that PAEC does not publish this document on its website as it is an internal working document, the content does not contain issues of material risk to the Foundation or external stakeholders.

2. Interim and final reports of the Service System Review by Impact Co (Ref: FG/22/791)

The Service System Review reports are internal working documents and are not available publicly. The final report has not been viewed or endorsed by the Foundation's Board due in part to the timing of its completion with the government's announcement of 16 July 2023 that the Foundation is to be wound up and its functions transferred to other agencies of government.

Please note personal information of third parties and non-executive staff has been redacted from these versions of the reports, as has information that identifies funded agencies. Sensitive financial information - regarded as commercial in confidence - has also been redacted.

We request that PAEC ***does not publish*** these documents on its website as the recommendations have not been shared with the funded services and it is not in the public interest to have the reports published at a time when successor agencies have not been identified or decisions made about the future of the service system.

- 3. Prevention Programming Framework – Summary** (Ref: CD/23/115534)
The Prevention Programming Framework Summary report will not be released publicly in the current format and has not been endorsed by the Foundation’s Board.

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- 4. Baseline report for the Reducing Gambling Harm Outcomes Framework** (Ref: CD/23/615203)
The report was approved by the Foundation’s Board and the Minister for Casino, Gaming and Liquor Regulation and was provided to PAEC on 4 October 2023. The report was also published by the Foundation in October 2023.

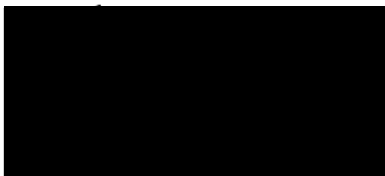
We note this report has also been published on the PAEC website.

- 5. Evaluation Framework** (Ref: CD/23/376479)
The Evaluation Framework is an internal working document and is not available publicly. The Foundation’s Board has endorsed this framework as part of the approval process for closing the Foundation’s response to recommendation four of the 2021 VAGO *Reducing the Harm Caused by Gambling* performance audit report.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me directly or  should you have any queries about the above.

Yours sincerely



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