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Welcome to the fortnightly email bulletin from the Gambling Commission (the Commission).

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1. Primary activity

The Gambling Commission released the second consultation on primary activity on 31 October 2008 and that closed on 28 November 2008.

As a result, we have now published a responses document to that consultation, and a new supplement to the Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice.

2. Call for expressions of interest: qualitative research into machine gamblers

The Gambling Commission is calling for expressions of interest to conduct a qualitative study into machine gamblers. The indicative budget is £30,000. The contractor(s) must be able to provide us with a final report by 31 May 2009.

To express your interest please contact [Jonathan Watkin](#). You will then receive the specification and tender documentation.

This call for expressions of interest closes at 5pm on 4 February 2009. Tenders must be received by 5pm on 18 February 2009.

3. British Gambling Prevalence Survey 2010: an overview

The Gambling Commission has started planning for the next British Gambling Prevalence Survey that will be published in 2010. We have published an overview of the main themes the Commission is currently considering.

4. Bingo machines and lottery limits legislation

The Gaming Machines in Bingo Premises Order and the Variation of Monetary Limit Order were both debated in the House of Lords on 28 January 2009.

The Gaming Machines in Bingo Premises Order will increase the number of Category B3 gaming machines that bingo halls can offer customers, while the Variation of Monetary Limit Order increases the maximum proceeds for individual society lottery draws.

Both Orders were passed. We will signpost the Statutory Instruments when they become available.

5. New survey data on remote gambling participation

The latest ICM omnibus survey on remote gambling participation in the United Kingdom is now available on our website.

6. Adult Psychiatric Morbidity in England 2007 - results of a household survey

Data from the Adult Psychiatric Morbidity Survey (AMPS) 2007 were published by The NHS Information Centre for health and social care earlier this week. This research followed a similar methodology to the British Gambling Prevalence Survey 2007.

The survey showed that the 0.7% of the English population were problem gamblers, consistent with the problem gambling prevalence rate found by the British Gambling Prevalence Survey (BGPS) 2007, which estimated that between 0.5% – 0.8% of the British population were problem gamblers. These findings are not statistically different.

The full report of findings which also looks at 'at risk' gamblers and other socio-economic factors is available online.