

Betting - supplement

Integrity in betting

This regular half-yearly supplement to the Gambling Commission's industry statistics 2008/09 provides updated figures on integrity in betting to the period ending 31 March 2010.

108 cases of suspicious betting activity have been reported to the Commission between 1 September 2007 and 31 March 2010, (including 37 reports between 1 October 2009 and 31 March 2010). 74 out of the 108 cases were reported by betting operators under licence condition 15.1 in the first instance with 34 coming from sports governing bodies, or other sources such as the media or the public.

In all but one of the 60 cases closed, the grounds for suspicion of criminal activity have not been substantiated and any action that was taken by the sports governing body has been completed. One criminal investigation led to a criminal caution for cheating at gambling – details at http://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/gh-media/latest_news/2010/greyhound_caution.aspx*

A breakdown of the activities involved in those 60 cases is provided below. Of the remainder, as at 31 March 2010, 9 cases are still at the preliminary assessment stage, 31 cases have been passed to the relevant sports governing body for investigation and there are 8 active investigations in which the Commission is involved.

Table 5: Suspicious betting activity (1 September 2007 to 31 March 2010)

Activity	Cases closed to 30 September 2009	Cases closed 30 September 2009 to 31 March 2010	Total cases closed to 31 March 2010
Bowls	1	-	1
Boxing	-	1	1
Cricket	1	-	1
Darts	2	-	2
Football	12	4	16
Golf	1	-	1
Greyhound racing	2	1*	3
Horseracing	9	2	11
Rugby league	1	1	2
Snooker	5	2	7
Tennis	2	10	12
Non-sport	2	1	3
Total	38	22	60