

Response

Thank you for your email of 9 October 2015 regarding the National Lottery.

I appreciate that you are unhappy with the changes that have been made to the National Lottery Lotto game.

The Commission has a statutory duty to ensure that Camelot's proposals for any new game meet our role in protecting the interests of participants; ensuring the Lottery is run and promoted with all due propriety; and subject to these, maximising the sums of money available for the good causes.

The Commission's decision to agree to the Lotto changes was taken only after careful consideration of the proposal submitted by Camelot and the evidence provided.

Our considerations and reasons for accepting the changes to Lotto are available to read on our website using the following link so this information is reasonably accessible by other means and therefore exempt on the basis of section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (i.e. this information is publically available): <http://www.natlotcomm.gov.uk/regulating-the-lottery/licensing-games/lotto.html>

Review of the decision

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your Freedom of Information request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to FOI Team, Gambling Commission, 4th floor, Victoria Square House, Victoria Square, Birmingham, B2 4BP.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Gambling Commission. The ICO can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Request

I am requesting detailed information as to why Camelot who run the national lottery have been allowed to change the amount of numbers used for the lottery draw without having to renew their contract?

Their publicity stating that they think that people want bigger jackpots is incorrect - people just want a fair chance!

I would describe their actions of adding an extra 10 numbers being similar to suddenly increasing the numbers on a roulette wheel to 46 after bets have been placed and the wheel has been spun!

People who picked numbers in the beginning and stuck to them rigidly must feel badly let down by these changes.

I personally believe a major change like this should not have been allowed by the regulator mid term through their existing contract or their contract should have been re-negotiated.

I would like to know how you feel about these changes.