

## Response

Thank you for your recent FOI request regarding general betting limited license holders. Please listed below the questions as stated in your request with a response detailed below.

### **1. How many bookmakers that hold the general betting limited licence also hold the ancillary licence for small time operators?**

The Commission currently license 17 operators that hold both a General Betting Limited Non-Remote licence and a General Betting Limited Ancillary Remote licence.

### **2. How many major Bookmakers reps hold the betting intermediary license that attend course to place bets to lessen the starting price?**

Bookmaker representatives that attend events on behalf of operators do not require a betting intermediary licence provided that there is a written contract of employment between the operator and the representative. This is stated in section 92 of the Gambling Act 2005:

A general betting operating licence shall, by virtue of this section, be subject to the condition that bets may be accepted on behalf of the licensee only by—

- (a) the licensee,
- (b) a person employed by the licensee under a written contract of employment, or
- (c) the holder of another general betting operating licence

### **3. How many bookmakers that hold the general betting limited licence also hold the betting intermediary licence for small time operators?**

As above, depending on the circumstances of the bets being placed and the bookmaker may not require an intermediary licence.

### **4. I understand a letter was sent to all general betting limited licence holders to inform them they need a remote platform licence which will be issued free can you give me dates thank you.**

The remote platform licence came into effect as a result of the last fees review which commenced in 2009 and culminated in April 2012. The consultation period for the changes in fees ran from September 2011 to 15 December 2011. The fees legislation took effect on 6 April 2012 (so this is the date that the remote platform licence, which came into existence via the fees review, took effect). Correspondence of the result fees result was circulated to all Non-remote General Betting Limited licence holders on 22 March 2012 with a response deadline of 5 April 2012. I attach a copy of the letter that was circulated for your information.

### **5. What action has been taken for any register bookmaker for a oversight by them not having a ancillary licence for small time operators?**

There has not been any formal sanction issued against any operator based on the above, any sanctions that are issued by the commission are listed on our operator sanctions register on the Gambling Commission website.

<http://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/pdf/Regulatory%20sanctions%20register%20-%20operators.pdf>

## 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 Commissioners' Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

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