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Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch

Investigations and Regional Operations Division

Compliance Note to the Minister

- To ensure the integrity of gaming in British Columbia, GPEB investigates all reported instances of real or suspected wrongdoing in gaming and horse racing
- Investigations and Regional Operations personnel investigate or assist law enforcement in investigating reported real or suspected criminal activity and/or regulatory infractions in legal gaming and horse racing. Post registration and post licensing investigations are also conducted on registered gaming workers and registered gaming service providers.
- GPEB investigators also work in conjunction with law enforcement in investigating a significant number of illegal gaming issues
- BCLC and all Service Providers are legally required to notify GPEB of any wrongdoing considered contrary to the Criminal Code, the Gaming Control Act or anything affecting the integrity of gaming in British Columbia
- In 2012/2013, GPEB Investigations and Regional Operations received 16,015 notifications/complaints from service providers, Police, BCLC and/or the public. These notifications include issues related to theft, assault, threats, fraud, loan sharking, cheat at play, counterfeit, BCLC prohibited persons and illegal gaming issues being the most significant of issues dealt with
- Three strategic priorities of the Division and the Branch are:
 - 1) Investigate, gather intelligence and report regarding notifications in order to deter money laundering or perception of money laundering in gaming facilities in British Columbia
 - 2) Continue to develop and implement investigative processes for investigating and deterring wrongdoing in E gaming in British Columbia

- 3) Conduct investigations, covert and otherwise, relative to minors participating or attempting to participate in gaming in British Columbia and take appropriate enforcement actions under provisions of the Gaming Control Act

The following statistics are being provided relevant to the three strategic priorities.

1) Notifications of Suspicious Currency Transactions(SCT's) investigated by GPEB Investigations

	2012	2013
• Notifications/complaints	1,173	1,212
• Total dollar value of reported SCT's	\$88,748,787	\$101,012,053
• Total reported SCT's in \$20 bills	\$60,380,790	\$72,092,905
	(68% of SCT total)	(71% of SCT total)

2) Total number of E gaming investigations conducted in 2012/2013 – 127

3) Information on covert investigations conducted relative to testing practises of casinos, community gaming centres and lottery retailers in British Columbia in 2013

- 270 Lottery Retailers approached by contracted undercover minors
 - 111 Lottery Retailers (41%) sold lottery products to the minor
- 16 attempts made to enter casinos/community gaming centres by minor
 - 1 successful entry by contracted minor to enter gaming facility

GPEB Investigations and Regional Operations have offices in four locations within the Province servicing the Lower Mainland, Interior, North and Vancouver Island regions of the Province.