

GLAI welcomes the inclusion of Private Members Gaming Clubs in newly enacted Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) Act 2010

Now subject to money laundering rules, private members gaming clubs across the country now look forward to government plans to properly regulate their sector

Date: The GLAI (Gaming & Leisure Association of Ireland) has today welcomed the inclusion of Private Members Gaming Clubs within the scope of the newly enacted Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) Act 2010.

David Hickson, Director of the GLAI and MD of the Fitzwilliam Card Club said “Up to now Private Members Gaming Clubs were not governed by legislation contained in the Criminal Justice Act 1994. The fact that the law has been updated within this new legislation to strengthen the State’s anti-money laundering regime can only be a good thing. We fully support the updated law and we look forward to working closely with the relevant authorities to ensure that all of our members are aware of the requirements placed on them with this new piece of legislation. We anticipate that Section 108 relating to Private Member Gaming Clubs will be enacted by Ministerial order over the coming month”.

Mr. Hickson continued: “The GLAI will continue to seek full regulation for the sector and now look forward to a formal announcement on Government Policy in the foreseeable future. We anticipate that this will be followed up with the publication of a draft heads of Bill to provide long awaited regulation of the gaming sector in Ireland”. He concluded “This announcement will provide certainty to up to 500 people working directly and indirectly in Private Members Gaming Clubs around the country, it would maximise tax returns to the Exchequer and would ensure robust consumer protection across the sector”.

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