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Gambling (Triennial Review)

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**Response to Government Consultation on Triennial Review of Gaming Machine Stakes and Prizes**

This response is from Softcat Ltd.

Our business employs 500 people in the UK in 3 locations.

We have worked with Ladbrokes Plc. for 5 years, supplying Ladbrokes with a wise range of IT services.

We would like to express our concern about the impact any new restrictions on gaming machines would have on Ladbrokes and its commercial relationship with us.

It is likely that any restrictions on gaming products in betting shops would have a negative economic impact on betting shops and this would have significant knock on secondary impacts on businesses like ours.

Our relationship with Ladbrokes involves significant levels of investment and supports employment and investment in our business.

We would urge Government to maintain the status quo in relation to betting shop regulation to avoid any negative economic consequences.

Yours sincerely,

Lorna Sharpe