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Ms. Shaila Anwar, Committee Clerk/Greffière de comité  
c/o Chair, Senator Bob Runciman  
Ontario – Thousand Island and Rideau Lakes  
351 East Block  
Ottawa, ON  
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**Re: Bill C-290 – Amend Criminal Code (Sports Betting)**

Dear Ms. Anwar,

In follow-up to this past Thursday's Senate Committee hearing regarding Bill C-290, please find below the requested information on illegal gambling statistics.

- The Provincial Illegal Gaming Program is an integral component of the provincial government's comprehensive gaming strategy, a commitment to combating organized crime as well as initiatives focusing on profit motivated crime.
- The Ontario Illegal Gaming Enforcement Unit (OIGEU) was established to combat illegal gaming.
- In 2001 the unit was renamed to the Illegal Gambling unit
- Since 1997 the Unit has been involved with 3,405 occurrences, 4,243 people have been charged with 5,251 Criminal Code gambling offences resulting in the amount of \$3,589,710.80 cash seized, \$8,674,157.70 in gaming paraphernalia and fines and proceeds of crime totalling \$4,272,023.37. A total of 2,584 machines were seized.

**SUMMARY:**

- The unit is provincially funded and its specialized service is available to all police agencies in Ontario.
- The mandate of the Illegal Gambling Unit is to provide a dedicated, coordinated, multi-jurisdictional investigative and enforcement response to illegal gambling in Ontario. This includes the provision of expert advice, operational assistance and case management services.

- Utilizing Part VII of the Criminal Code of Canada and Proceeds of Crime Legislation, the Illegal Gambling Unit provides investigative leadership with respect to the detection, investigation and prevention of illegal gambling. The unit targets the offences committed by and profits derived from organized crime.
- The unit works in concert with the media, Crime Stoppers, community groups and the private sector in addition to government agencies to ensure the dissemination of awareness and crime prevention strategies.
- Large scale investigations throughout the province and positive media coverage of the outcome has resulted in increased awareness of the Illegal Gambling Unit's mandate and its ability to maintain a sustained province-wide enforcement response to illegal gambling.

The following stats are from three teams currently operating: West, East and GTR. In 2011 you will notice no arrests or charges, all three teams were involved in three separate Part VI investigations involving Organized Crime Targets

### **2011 ILLEGAL GAMBLING**

- Judicial Authorization Executed: 54
- Number of Arrests: 0
- Number of Charges: 0
- Total Number of Seizures / Forfeiture: 1
- Total Value of Seizures / Forfeiture: \$37, 524
- Investigations / Inquires: 200
- Expert Requests: 13
- **Total Number of Presentations: 21**

### **2012 ILLEGAL GAMBLING**

- Judicial Authorization Executed: 25
- Number of Arrests: 16
- Number of Charges: 42
- Total Number of Seizures / Forfeiture: 3
- Total Value of Seizures / Forfeiture: \$600,000.00
- Investigations / Inquires: 135
- Expert Requests: 12
- **Total Number of Presentations: 19**

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,

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 Bureau Commander  
 OPP Investigation and Enforcement Bureau  
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