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Subject: RE: Urgent - Privileged and Confidential - Gaming Tax - Materials for Briefing Counsel - Clarifications Required

Hi Mark

Further to our discussion just now please note my comments in red in relation to your queries:

What is the process and paper trail in relation to the player receiving car parking and accommodation? For example:

is the player provided with a voucher? No both car parking and hotel nights are electronic coupons in the system; **Pete will endeavour to find an example of this – it is difficult as we don't have staff available tonight. He will see if there are any SOPs or detailed account listings that show how the bonus jackpots appear on the patron's accounts**

in relation to accommodation, invoiced and, if so, how is it invoiced (eg Is there a room charge of \$500 less a credit of \$500 for voucher/points leaving a zero balance).-

David / Matthew / Simon ?;

David will send through an example of the invoices issued however the customer never sees the charge for the night of accommodation that is comped this is because there is the ability within Opera (the hotel system) to create what they refer to as "windows", a customer's account may have 2 windows as follows:

1. For what is effectively the room charge that is to be comped/treated as a bonus jackpot

2. For any other charges such as minibar, room charges etc

The customer will only see an invoice that shows the amounts from the second window.

In relation to car parking I have been advised that the customers don't receive an invoice.

Thanks

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From David Stoddart .. I'm sending as he has email issues

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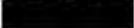
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Pete

Can you pls forward this on the original distribution list. We have an internet outage so I'm working off my phone

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Hi David,

Accommodation

These are set up as GST exclusive voucher traces in the Opera. The accommodation is pulled into the comp module to strip out GST. The treatment is:

Dr Hotel complementary balance sheet account (Excl GST) XXX
 Cr Hotel Revenue (Excl GST) XXX

The attached flow chart is used if the accommodation is more than or less than the comp trace. Hotel do not provide copies of these folios to the guest.

Parking

These are charged in CVPS at the agreed transfer price with no GST, both the revenue and payment interface into opera.

Dr Hotel complementary balance sheet account (Excl GST) XXX
 Cr Valet Parking/Bell Revenue (Excl GST) XXX

The hotel comp balance sheet is 112541

Many thanks

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Hi Kat

Could you have a look at Peter Herrings comments and advise the treatment from a hote perspective

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Mark,

See my comments below and I have left messages for Matthew Luttick & David Stoddart from the finance teams and cc'ed them on this email.

Regards

Pete

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Hi Peter and Angelina,

I am just following up on Michael's email queries below? When can we expect your responses / materials?

Crown has asked Mark Robertson to have his opinion drafted by tomorrow so we really need these items as soon as possible.

Kind regards,
 Mark

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Hi Angelina and Peter

Thanks for your all of your input into this.

Counsel has requested us to clarify and provide some additional information.

Car Parking and Accommodation

In relation to the bonus jackpot treatment for car parking and accommodation redemptions can you please advise the following:

Similar to the query in relation to F&B query –

What is the accounting treatment of the car parking and accommodation provided under the bonus jackpot program (eg how is revenue recognised);

- David / Matthew / Simon – you will need confirm from Hotel / Service Department.
- From a Gaming Machines deduction perspective the Bonus Jackpot is deducted at the time of redemption, the value is the internal transfer price set by finance

What is the income tax and GST treatment of car parking and accommodation; David / Matthew / Simon ? My understanding is there is no GST or income tax on Hotel and Parking

What is the process and paper trail in relation to the player receiving car parking and accommodation? For example:

- is the player provided with a voucher? No both carparking and hotel nights are electronic coupons in the system
- in relation to accommodation, invoiced and, if so, how is it invoiced (eg Is there a room charge of \$500 less a credit of \$500 for voucher/points leaving a zero balance).-

David / Matthew / Simon ?

Spreadsheet – Schedule detailing Bonus Jackpot Analysis dated 7 June 2021w BJ Master

In relation to Item 8 - Bonus Jackpots, in the BJ Master tab, (which reconciles to Rewards Amount total in cell G64 in the summary tab) there is an amount of 28,870,737.94. Are you able to split this amount to identify the amounts attributable to each of Dining, Accommodation and Car Parking please? Unfortunately I believe this would not be possible in the timeframe unless Matthew or Simon can arrange.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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Hi Mark

I am still waiting on final confirmation of the journals (have received preliminary confirmation), however, if you need them today please see below:

If a patron presents a \$50 F&B bonus jackpot voucher and \$100 cash payment:

DR Bank	\$100
DR Gaming Machine Revenue – EGM department	\$50
CR GST payable	(\$9.09)
CR F&B Revenue – restaurant department	(\$140.91)

If a junket operator has a \$150 F&B comp:

DR Comp Expense – VIP gaming department	\$150
CR F&B revenue	(\$150)

Thanks

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Thank you Angelina. I ran out of steam at midnight but am back on the case now.

Am I right

Kind regards,
Mark

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Hi Mark


Payroll tax in Victoria for Crown Melbourne in F20 was \$20m and F19 \$24m.






Gaming tax in F20 for Crown Melbourne was \$255m; in the month of May 2021 it was \$16.5m.

Thanks

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Hi Angelina.

I am making sure the Brief reflects Crown's role as a huge contributor to the revenues of the State of Victoria.

The Vic Budget for 21/22 (post covid obviously) projects gambling taxes at 2.15bn. How much Vic Gaming Tax does Crown pay typically? Also I see Crown is the largest single site employer in Victoria. How much payroll tax does Crown Melbourne contribute typically?


Many thanks

Kind regards,
 Mark



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Thanks Mark

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Many thanks Angelina. I am on a train at present but rest assured I will be getting this over to Mark Robertson tonight.

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Hi Mark

Have just received the reconciliation – please refer attached.

Will advise on the journals once received.

Thanks

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Hi Mark

Just to let you know that I am following up both issues internally will provide as soon as I have received responses. In the interim I have included the BJ Master spreadsheet into the Schedule and linked it for you – I am following up the reconciling item.

Thanks

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Hi Angelina,

We now have a signed engagement letter and are proceeding with the Brief.

Here are some further queries.

Indicative Tax Impacts by Category

The BJ Master document is very helpful since it ties together categories of Bonus Jackpots, Crown descriptions thereof and includes cross-references to actual T's and C's and other documents.

For the purposes of briefing Counsel, could you please examine the attached version of the BJ Master document setting out details of "indicative tax impacts" for each of the 8 categories of Bonus Jackpots?

We have brought these figures across from the spreadsheet "Schedule detailing bonus jackpot analysis".

You will see we have attempted to correlate numbers from the spreadsheet to the BJ Master document (both are noted in using colours)

Due to categorisation differences between the two documents we have not quite been able to (a) make the totals match (b) fill in all the gaps. We have a variance of some \$4m (out of \$218m) in indicative tax impacts by category.

It would be very helpful if you could either (a) do the allocation of the remaining items : or (b) confirm they do not belong on the BJ Master document. It would also be great if you could confirm whether the allocations we have already made are correct.

Also if you could send us an excel version of the BJ Master document rather than a PDF we can create a cleaner version than the current one.

Income tax treatments – BJ Master Category 8

In relation to your email at 2.34pm today, you said
 "All comp revenue is included in assessable income
 A corresponding comp expense is booked and is treated as a deductible expense"

Could you please clarify for this example?
 Crown Rewards member converts points for a \$50 dining voucher. Restaurant meal total is \$150. Cash payment is \$100.
 Total cost of the meal provided is \$60.

Is \$150 included in revenue for accounting purposes and is \$150 included in assessable income?
 How much is booked as an expense for accounting purposes and how much is treated as a deductible expense?

Thank you in advance for your help on this.

Should you have any queries please feel free to contact either Michael Young or myself.

Kind regards,
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