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Trade and Innovation

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Mr N Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Legislative Assembly Offices  
Parliament House  
George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

*mail*

I refer to Petition Number 568-05 lodged in the Queensland Parliament on 27 October 2005. The petition requested the appointment of an inspector from the Queensland Office of Gaming Regulation (QOGR) to investigate allegations of impropriety in the administration of the Logan and Districts Services Club Inc. (the club).

As such a request falls within my portfolio responsibilities the correspondence has been forwarded to me for consideration and reply.

I note that the petitioners claim that a theft of \$200,000 occurred at the club during the 1995-96 financial year and that in 1999 the club's board refused to carry out its constitutional objectives by withdrawing financial support from both the Retired Services League Sub Branch and RSL Resource Centre.

The *Gaming Machine Act 1991* imposes certain obligations upon a gaming licensee in relation to the administration of its licensed premises and its gaming operations.

Such obligations include the swift notification to QOGR of the suspected theft of gaming machine proceeds, as well as a requirement to ensure that the proceeds of gaming are applied in the promotion of the club's objectives. In relation to these matters I have requested that the QOGR investigate these issues.

In the interim if you have any further questions you may wish to contact Mr Craig Turner, Acting Assistant Director, Probity and Investigations Branch, Queensland Office of Gaming Regulation, on telephone (07) 38720807 or by email on [craig.turner@qogr.qld.gov.au](mailto:craig.turner@qogr.qld.gov.au).

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In relation to the petition's issues regarding the termination of membership and the correctness of the Service Associate Vote, I am advised that the Honourable Margaret Keech MP, Minister for Tourism, Fair Trading and Wine Industry Development has previously responded to those concerns.

At the conclusion of the proposed investigation, QOGR will advise you of their findings directly.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Bligh', written in a cursive style.

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