

Treasury Committee

Taxation of gambling: Government Response

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The Treasury Committee published its Fourteenth Report of Session 2024–26, [Taxation of gambling](#), (HC 1451), on 7 November 2025. The Government Response was received on 12 January 2026 and is appended below.

Appendix: Government Response

I am writing in response to the Treasury Select Committee's report on the Taxation of Gambling. I am grateful to the committee for their report following the oral evidence session with industry representatives and experts.

At Budget 2025 the Chancellor set out the government's position on gambling duty. To raise over £1 billion per year the government is increasing duties on online gambling, which, like the committee, we recognise has grown rapidly in recent years. The rate for remote gaming will increase from 21% to 40% from 1 April 2026 and the rate for remote betting will see an increase from 15% to 25% from 1 April 2027. There will be no tax changes for bets on UK horseracing or in person gambling, and we are also abolishing Bingo Duty from 1 April 2026.

We have sought to take a balanced approach with these reforms which form part of our ambition to create a fair, modern and sustainable tax system.