



## Culture, Media and Sport Committee Select Committee Announcement

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### **ON-COURSE HORSERACE BETTING: NEW INQUIRY**

The Committee is announcing today a new inquiry into on-course horserace betting, with the following terms of reference:

- ❖ What the likely effects would be of allocating on-course betting pitches on a purely commercial basis, as has been proposed by the Racecourse Association;
- ❖ What indications on security of tenure, if any, were given to those buying positions on bookmakers' lists in recent years;
- ❖ What the role of the Government should be in the process for agreeing on a future framework for allocation of on-course pitches for bookmakers.

The Committee intends that this should be a short inquiry with oral evidence to be taken in November. Written submissions are invited from interested parties; these should be sent to Kenneth Fox, Clerk of the Committee, at the address below by **Friday 12 October**.

### **Guidance on submissions**

1. Our strong preference is for submissions to be in Word or rich text format (**not** as a PDF document) and sent by e-mail to [cmscom@parliament.uk](mailto:cmscom@parliament.uk), although letters will also be accepted. Submissions sent by post should be sent to Kenneth Fox, Clerk of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, House of Commons, 7 Millbank, London SW1P 3JA. Please include a contact name, postal address and telephone number in the body of the e-mail or in the letter.

2. If the submission is from an organisation rather than an individual, it should briefly explain the nature and membership of the organisation. It is helpful to the Committee if paragraphs are numbered for ease of reference and if longer submissions include an executive summary, ideally no more than one page long. Submissions should be as short as is reasonably consistent with conveying the relevant information: for most submissions, six pages can be regarded as an appropriate maximum. Further guidance on preferred format can be found at: [http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary\\_committees/witness.cfm](http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/witness.cfm)

3. Committees make public much of the evidence they receive during inquiries. If you do not wish your submission to be published, you must clearly say so. If you wish to include private or confidential information in your submission to the Committee, please contact the Clerk of the Committee to discuss this.

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4. Please bear in mind that Committees do not normally investigate individual cases of complaint or allegations of maladministration.
5. Once submitted, no public use should be made of any submission prepared specifically for the Committee unless you have first obtained permission from the Clerk of the Committee.

## **Further Information:**

1. Committee Membership is as follows:

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Janet Anderson (Labour)

Philip Davies (Conservative)

Mr Nigel Evans (Conservative)

Paul Farrelly (Labour)

Mr Mike Hall (Labour)

Alan Keen (Labour)

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