

MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING, AND MINISTER FOR THE CENTRAL COAST

OVERVIEW

<i>Agency</i>	<i>Budget 2005-06 \$m</i>	<i>Budget 2006-07 \$m</i>	<i>Variation %</i>
Casino Control Authority			
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Capital Expenditure	0.1	0.1	...
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The Minister for Gaming and Racing is supported by the Casino Control Authority and the Department of the Arts, Sport and Recreation (Section 3) for the Gaming and Racing portfolio area.

CASINO CONTROL AUTHORITY

Established under the *Casino Control Act 1992*, the Casino Control Authority administers the systems for licensing, supervision and control of Star City Casino in New South Wales.

RESULTS AND SERVICES

The Authority protects the integrity of casino gaming by working towards the following results:

- ◆ Management and operation of the casino is free from criminal influence or exploitation.
- ◆ Casino gaming is conducted honestly.
- ◆ The potential for the casino to cause harm to individuals and families is contained and controlled.

Key services provided by the Authority which contribute to these results include:

- ◆ administering regulations (e.g. approving casino internal controls, games and rules of the games and gaming equipment);
- ◆ conducting continuous onsite supervision and monitoring of casino operations;
- ◆ licensing of the casino operator, casino special employees and oversight of controlled contractors;
- ◆ providing intelligence analysis of casino patron activity and obtaining of information for law enforcement agencies under the *Casino Control Act 1992*; and
- ◆ conducting the three-yearly statutory test (and intermediate test) of the casino licensee against regulatory expectations and public interest.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

The Authority's expenses reflect the cost of supervising and controlling casino operations in Star City Casino and the investigations and inquiries undertaken in the course of this supervision.

At relevant years, the Authority's expenses include the cost of conducting the three-yearly statutory investigation of the casino licensee under Section 31 of the *Casino Control Act 1992*. The fourth statutory investigation was in 2003. The next one is due by 15 December 2006. In order to monitor the ongoing suitability of the casino operator between these major investigations, the Authority created a new position, Manager (Casino Review). At board level, a Casino License Oversight Committee was formed.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

The Authority continues to streamline its operations and to monitor the casino's compliance with the recommendations of the 2000 and 2003 statutory investigations.

Since 2000 the Authority has participated in a Working Party of Australasian Casino and Gaming Regulators which has developed a best practice model for regulating, supervising and inspecting casinos. In accordance with the principles of the model, the Authority continues to review its casino supervision activities to further develop its risk-based audit methodology and to establish documented regulatory standards in order to convey to regulated entities the standards required to be considered compliant.

2006-07 BUDGET

The Authority's total expenditure budget for 2006-07 is \$7.2 million. This includes the cost of conducting the three-yearly statutory test.

Capital Expenditure

The capital allocation of \$70,000 is for the replacement of fully depreciated and/or obsolete computer and office equipment.