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SCOPING STUDY INTO LOTTERIES DUTY ANNOUNCED

The NSW Government will undertake a scoping study into its lotteries duty revenue stream.

As part of that scoping study, consideration will be given to monetising the revenue stream or diverting the revenue stream directly to the NSW Generations Fund.

Lotteries games in NSW such as Powerball and Oz Lotto are operated by Tabcorp Holdings Limited (Tabcorp) under a licence expiring in 2050.

Under the terms of the licence, NSW collects an ongoing duty revenue stream that is related to player volumes, not to Tabcorp business performance.

In 2013 a scoping study into this opportunity was completed but a transaction was not progressed. The desire for stable infrastructure-like investment returns and the low interest rate environment mean market conditions are now favourable to reconsider this opportunity.

The scoping study is a continuation of the Government's efforts to assess all opportunities to support infrastructure and in turn support jobs and the economy.

The scoping study will commence in early 2021.

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