

CHAPTER 5: POKER (GAMING) MACHINE USE

5.1 Introduction

Machines may be known as poker or electronic gaming machines; however this report will refer to these machines only as poker machines. The colloquial term in South Australia is poker machines or pokies. The game of poker is not necessarily a defining feature of poker machines in South Australia.

Respondents aged 18 years and over who gambled on poker machines (30.2%, n=5172) were asked a series of more detailed questions regarding their use of these machines. The responses are summarised below.

5.2 Where people play poker machines and type of poker machines

5.2.1 Where people play poker machines

Respondents (n=5172) were asked where they mainly bet on poker machines. The responses are in Table 5.1.

Table 5.1: Where mainly bet on poker machines, aged 18 years and over

Location	n	%
At a club	462	8.9
At a hotel	4118	79.6
At a casino	523	10.1
All/no specific place/more than one of these	20	0.4
Interstate/overseas/on holidays	10	0.2
Other	3	0.1
Don't know/can't remember	31	0.6
Not disclosed	3	0.1
Total	5172	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The responses for low risk and moderate to high risk frequent gamblers (n=590) were then examined and are presented in Table 5.2.

Table 5.2: Where mainly bet on poker machines, low, moderate, high risk frequent gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Location	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate/high risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%
At a club	36	10.9	22	8.6
At a hotel	262	78.9	223	86.5
At a casino	33	9.9	11	4.3
All/no specific place/more than one of these	-	-	1	0.5
Interstate/overseas/on holidays	-	-	1	0.2
Don't know/can't remember	1	0.3	-	-
Total	331	100.0	258	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

5.2.2 Name and kind of machine played

Respondents who played poker machines (n=5172) were asked what kind of machine they usually played. The majority of respondents reported that they played one cent machines (74.9%). The responses are summarised in Table 5.3.

Table 5.3: Kind of machine usually played, aged 18 years and over

Kind of machine	n	%
1 cent machine	3874	74.9
2 cent machine	336	6.5
5 cent machine	345	6.7
10 cent machine	65	1.2
20 cent machine	69	1.3
50 cent machine	12	0.2
\$1 machine	252	4.9
\$2 machine	6	0.1
Higher than \$2 machine	1	0.01
Don't know	209	4.1
Not disclosed	3	0.1
Total	5172	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The responses for low risk and moderate to high risk frequent gamblers were then examined and are presented in Table 5.4. Overall, 75.0% of respondents classified as low risk frequent gamblers, and 79.5% of moderate to high risk frequent gamblers, played one cent machines.

Table 5.4: Kind of machine usually played, low, moderate, high risk frequent gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Kind of machine	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate/high risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%
1 cent machine	249	75.0	205	79.5
2 cent machine	10	3.1	15	5.9
5 cent machine	28	8.5	10	3.9
10 cent machine	3	.9	1	0.4
20 cent machine	9	2.8	1	0.3
50 cent machine	-	-	1	0.2
\$1 machine	15	4.5	22	8.7
\$2 machine	-	-	-	-
Higher than \$2 machine	-	-	1	0.2
Don't know	17	5.3	2	0.8
Total	331	100.0	258	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

Respondents (n=5172) were then asked the name or theme of their favourite machine. The responses are summarised in Table 5.5.

Table 5.5: Name or theme of favourite machine, aged 18 years and over

Favourite machine or theme	n	%
Dolphin Treasure/Double Dolphin/Dolphin machine	499	9.6
Indian/Indian Dreaming	122	2.4
Black Rhino/Rhino	97	1.9
Jewel of the Nile/Cleopatra/Pharaoh/Pyramids	54	1.1
Shogun	51	1.0
Treasure Chest	47	0.9
Big Ben	40	0.8
Spring Carnival	20	0.4
Adonis	19	0.4
Mermaids	19	0.4
Money Tree	19	0.4
Lions/50 Lions	18	0.3
Geisha	13	0.3
Hearts/Heart throb/Sweetheart	12	0.2
Jewel of Arabia	12	0.2
Blackjack	10	0.2
Egyptian Princess/Egyptian	9	0.2
Racing game/horses	9	0.2
Cash Man	8	0.2
Koala Mint	8	0.2
Red Baron	7	0.1
Enchanted Forest	6	0.1
Inca/Inca Gold/Inca Sun	6	0.1
Arabian Nights/Arabian	5	0.1
Chinamen/Oriental	5	0.1
Golden Goose	5	0.1
Chick's Tavern	4	0.1
Dream Catcher	4	0.1
Other favourite machine (one)	116	2.2
Various combinations of two machines	55	1.1
Various combination of three or more machines	16	0.3
No loyalty	1492	28.9
Play anything	1444	27.9
Ones that give free spins	11	0.2
Don't know	902	17.4
Not disclosed	7	0.1
Total	5172	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

5.2.3 Rewards and patterns of play

All respondents aged 18 years and over who played poker machines (n=5172) were asked if they used loyalty or reward cards when they played poker machines.

Overall, 14.9% of respondents used loyalty or rewards cards. The responses are summarised in Table 5.6.

Tale 5.6: Loyalty or rewards cards used, aged 18 years and over

Loyalty or reward cards	n	%
Yes	769	14.9
No	4384	84.8
Don't know/can't remember	16	0.3
Not disclosed	3	0.1
Total	5172	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The responses of those classified as low risk and moderate to high risk frequent gamblers were examined and are summarised in Table 5.7. A higher proportion of moderate to high risk frequent gamblers used loyalty or rewards cards (35.3%), compared to low risk frequent gamblers (27.2%).

Table 5.7: Loyalty or rewards cards used, low, moderate, high risk frequent gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Loyalty or reward cards	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate/high risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%
Yes	90	27.2	91	35.3
No	240	72.5	167	64.7
Don't know/can't remember	1	0.3	-	-
Total	331	100.0	258	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

Respondents (n=5172) were asked how often they bet more than one line at each press of the button. Overall, 45.5% of respondents always did so. The responses are summarised in Table 5.8.

Table 5.8: How often bet more than one line at each press of the button, aged 18 years and over

How often bet more than one line	n	%
Never	618	12.0
Rarely	334	6.5
Sometimes	977	18.9
Often	678	13.1
Always	2354	45.5
Can't say	205	4.0
Not disclosed	6	0.1
Total	5172	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

Table 5.9 summarises the responses of those classified as low risk and moderate to high risk frequent gamblers. A similar proportion of moderate to high risk frequent gamblers always bet more than one line at each press of the button (66.0%), compared to low risk frequent gamblers (66.8%).

Table 5.9: How often bet more than one line at each press of the button, low, moderate, high risk frequent gamblers, aged 18 years and over

How often bet more than one line	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate/high risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%
Never	15	4.5	12	4.6
Rarely	14	4.3	6	2.3
Sometimes	46	13.8	34	13.1
Often	33	10.0	34	13.1
Always	221	66.8	170	66.0
Can't say	2	0.6	2	0.8
Total	331	100.0	258	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

Respondents who stated that they rarely, sometimes, often, or always bet more than one line (n=4344) were then asked how many lines they play. Overall, 34.0% of respondents played one to five lines. The responses are in Table 5.10.

Table 5.10: Number of lines played, aged 18 years and over

Number of lines played	n	%
1 to 5 lines	1477	34.0
6 to 10 lines	897	20.7
11 to 20 lines	960	22.1
21 lines to 30 lines	671	15.5
Don't know/not disclosed	339	7.8
Total	4344	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The number of lines played by low risk and moderate to high risk frequent gamblers was examined, as presented in Table 5.11. A slightly higher proportion of moderate to high risk frequent gamblers played 11 to 20 lines when they bet more than one line (34.4%), compared to low risk frequent gamblers (30.3%).

Table 5.11: Number of lines played, low, moderate, high risk frequent gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Number of lines played	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate/high risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%
1 to 5 lines	56	17.7	55	22.5
6 to 10 lines	64	20.4	45	18.5
11 to 20 lines	95	30.3	84	34.4
21 lines to 30 lines	74	23.6	56	23.1
Don't know/not disclosed	25	8.1	4	1.6
Total	314	100.0	244	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

All respondents who played poker machines (n=5172) were then asked whether they bet more than one credit per line. Overall, 12.3% of respondents always bet more than one credit per line. The responses are in Table 5.12.

Table 5.12: Whether bet more than one credit per line, aged 18 years and over

Bet more than one credit	n	%
Never	1990	38.5
Rarely	655	12.7
Sometimes	1259	24.4
Often	402	7.8
Always	634	12.3
Can't say	222	4.3
Not disclosed	9	0.2
Total	5172	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The responses of those classified as low risk and moderate to high risk frequent gamblers were examined. A higher proportion of moderate to high risk frequent gamblers always bet more than one credit per line (26.9%), compared to low risk frequent gamblers (21.3%). Results are presented in Table 5.13.

Table 5.13: Whether bet more than one credit per line, low, moderate, high risk frequent gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Bet more than one credit	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate/high risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%
Never	95	28.8	35	13.6
Rarely	40	12.0	24	9.3
Sometimes	83	24.9	76	29.5
Often	42	12.6	53	20.7
Always	71	21.3	70	26.9
Can't say	2	0.5	-	-
Total	331	100.0	258	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

Respondents who stated they rarely, sometimes, often, or always bet more than one credit per line (n=2950) were then asked how many credits they play on these occasions. Overall, 68.9% of respondents bet one to five credits per line. The responses are in Table 5.14.

Table 5.14: If bet more than one credit per line, how many credits per line usually play on those occasions, aged 18 years and over

How many credits play per line	n	%
1 to 5 credits	2032	68.9
6 to 10 credits	50	1.7
11 to 19 credits	218	7.4
20 credits (or more)	189	6.4
Don't know/not disclosed	462	15.7
Total	2950	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The responses of those classified as low risk and moderate to high risk frequent gamblers were examined and are presented in Table 5.15. There was a slightly higher proportion of moderate to high risk frequent gamblers who bet between one and five credits per line (78.7%), compared to low risk frequent gamblers (78.7%).

Table 5.15: If bet more than one credit per line, how many credits per line usually play on those occasions, low, moderate, high risk frequent gamblers, aged 18 years and over

How many credits play per line	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate/high risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%
1 to 5 credits	180	76.8	176	78.7
6 to 10 credits	5	2.0	1	0.6
11 to 19 credits	8	3.2	14	6.2
20 credits (or more)	15	6.2	20	8.9
Don't know/not disclosed	28	11.8	12	5.6
Total	234	100.0	223	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

All respondents who play poker machines (n=5172) were asked if they ever increased their bets when they were losing. Overall, 0.8% of respondents always increased their bets when losing. The responses are summarised in Table 5.16.

Table 5.16: Increased bets when losing, aged 18 years and over

Increased bets when losing	n	%
Never	4210	81.4
Rarely	379	7.3
Sometimes	462	8.9
Often	28	0.5
Always	40	0.8
Can't say	44	0.8
Not disclosed	10	0.2
Total	5172	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The responses of those classified as low risk and moderate to high risk frequent gamblers were examined. Overall, 4.4% of moderate to high risk frequent gamblers always increased their bets when losing, compared to low risk frequent gamblers (2.8%). Table 5.17 provides a summary.

Table 5.17: Increased bets when losing, low, moderate, high risk frequent gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Increased bets when losing	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate/high risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%
Never	215	64.9	126	48.6
Rarely	39	11.7	44	16.9
Sometimes	60	18.2	69	26.7
Often	4	1.2	8	3.3
Always	9	2.8	11	4.4
Can't say	4	1.2	-	-
Total	331	100.0	258	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

Respondents who stated they rarely, sometimes, often, or always increased their bets when losing (n=908) were then asked how long their losing streak would need to be before they increased their bets. Overall, the losing streak needed to be between zero and five minutes before 36.6% of respondents increased their bets. The responses are in Table 5.18.

Table 5.18: How long losing streak needs to be (minutes) before increased bets, aged 18 years and over

How long before increased bets	n	%
Between 0 and 5 minutes	333	36.6
6 to 10 minutes	95	10.4
11 to 30 minutes	69	7.6
31 to 60 minutes	14	1.5
More than 60 minutes	4	0.4
Don't know/not disclosed	394	43.4
Total	908	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The responses of those classified as low risk and moderate to high risk frequent gamblers were examined and the results are in Table 5.19. Overall, it took between zero and five minutes for 27.9% of moderate to high risk frequent gamblers to increase their bets when losing, compared to 38.1% of low risk frequent gamblers.

Table 5.19: How long losing streak needs to be (minutes) before increased bets, low, moderate, high risk frequent gamblers, aged 18 years and over

How long before increased bets	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate/high risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%
Between 0 and 5 minutes	43	38.1	37	27.9
6 to 10 minutes	8	7.5	18	13.7
11 to 30 minutes	15	13.0	14	10.5
31 to 60 minutes	1	1.0	5	3.8
More than 60 minutes	-	-	4	2.8
Don't know/not disclosed	45	40.4	55	41.3
Total	112	100.0	133	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

Respondents who stated that they would rarely, sometimes, often, or always increase their bets when on a losing streak (n=908) were then asked by how much they would increase their bets on these occasions. Overall, 2.4% of respondents would increase their bets by five times. The responses are in Table 5.20.

Table 5.20: By how much increase bets when losing, aged 18 years and over

How much increase bets	n	%
Less than double	263	29.0
Double	512	56.4
Triple	12	1.3
4 times	6	0.6
5 times	22	2.4
Increase to maximum	6	0.6
Depends	4	0.4
Other	6	0.6
Don't know	67	7.4
Not disclosed	12	1.3
Total	908	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The responses of those classified as low risk and moderate to high risk frequent gamblers were examined and are presented in Table 5.21. Overall, 5.4% of moderate to high risk frequent gamblers increased their bets by five times when losing, compared to 2.8% of low risk frequent gamblers.

Table 5.21: By how much increase bets when losing, low, moderate, high risk frequent gamblers, aged 18 years and over

How much increase bets	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate/high risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%
Less than double	24	21.1	29	22.0
Double	72	64.1	81	60.8
Triple	1	1.0	4	3.0
5 times	3	2.8	7	5.4
Increase to maximum	-	-	2	1.4
Other	2	2.0	2	1.1
Don't know	8	7.2	8	6.1
Not disclosed	2	1.7	1	0.2
Total	112	100.0	133	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

All respondents who had gambled on poker machines in the past 12 months (n=5172) were then asked how many times they had lost \$50 or more in a single day or session of gambling. Overall, 0.9% of respondents had lost \$50 or more on more than 50 occasions. The responses are in Table 5.22.

Table 5.22: How many times lost \$50 or more in a single day or session of gambling in the past 12 months, aged 18 years and over

How many times lost \$50 or more	n	%
Never	3937	76.1
Between 1 and 5 times	748	14.5
Between 6 and 10 times	158	3.1
Between 11 and 20 times	119	2.3
Between 21 and 50 times	65	1.3
More than 50 times	49	0.9
Don't know	81	1.6
Not disclosed	15	0.3
Total	5172	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The responses of those classified as low risk and moderate to high risk frequent gamblers were examined and the results are presented in Table 5.23. Overall, 13.9% of moderate to high risk frequent gamblers had lost \$50 or more in a single day or session of gambling more than 50 times in the past 12 months, compared to low risk frequent gamblers (1.1%).

Table 5.23: How many times lost \$50 or more in a single day or session of gambling in the past 12 months, low, moderate, high risk frequent gamblers, aged 18 years and over

How many times lost \$50 or more	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate/high risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%
Never	115	34.6	31	12.1
Between 1 and 5 times	107	32.4	61	23.4
Between 6 and 10 times	40	12.0	43	16.5
Between 11 and 20 times	36	10.8	41	15.8
Between 21 and 50 times	14	4.2	35	13.7
More than 50 times	4	1.1	36	13.9
Don't know	16	4.9	7	2.8
Not disclosed	-	-	5	1.8
Total	331	100.0	258	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

5.3 Venues

5.3.1 Location of gambling venue

Respondents aged 18 years and over who played poker machines, and were happy to continue to answer questions following the administration of the CPGI (n=5130), were asked a series of questions about where they play poker machines.

Firstly, survey participants were asked how far from home they would travel to gamble on poker machines. Overall 20.6% would travel ten or more kilometres from home. The responses are in Table 5.24.

Table 5.24: How far from home would you travel to gamble on poker machines, aged 18 years and over

Travel	n	%
Within 1 km	1102	21.5
2–5 km	1767	34.5
6–10 km	645	12.6
10 or more km	1055	20.6
Don't know	504	9.8
Not disclosed	56	1.1
Total	5130	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The responses of low risk and moderate to high risk frequent gamblers were examined and are presented in Table 5.25. Overall, 15.4% of moderate to high risk frequent gamblers would travel ten or more kilometres to gamble on poker machines, compared to 11.9% of low risk frequent gamblers.

Table 5.25: How far from home would you travel to gamble on poker machines, low, moderate, high risk frequent gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Travel	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate/high risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%
Within 1 km	83	25.2	59	26.8
2–5 km	133	40.3	96	43.1
6–10 km	51	15.3	22	10.1
10 or more km	39	11.9	34	15.4
Don't know	23	7.0	10	4.7
Not disclosed	1	0.2	-	-
Total	330	100.0	222	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

Respondents (n=5130) were then asked whether they usually gamble at the venue closest to home. Overall, 44.7% of respondents usually gambled at the closest venue to their home. The responses are summarised in Table 5.26.

Table 5.26: Gamble at venue closest to home, aged 18 years and over

Closest venue to home	n	%
Yes	2293	44.7
No	2679	52.2
Don't know	130	2.5
Not disclosed	28	0.6
Total	5130	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The responses of low risk and moderate to high risk frequent gamblers were examined and are presented in Table 5.27. Overall, 65.8% of moderate to high risk frequent gamblers gamble at the venue closest to home, compared to 60.8% of low risk frequent gamblers.

Table 5.27: Gamble at venue closest to home, low, moderate, high risk frequent gambler, aged 18 years and over

Closest venue to home	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate/high risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%
Yes	200	60.8	146	65.8
No	119	36.0	72	32.3
Don't know	10	3.1	4	1.9
Total	330	100.0	222	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

Respondents (n=5130) were then asked whether they gambled at the venue closest to their work or place of study. Overall, 9.6% of respondents gamble at venues closest to their work or place of study. The responses are in Table 5.28.

Table 5.28: Gamble at venue closest to work or study, aged 18 years and over

Closest venue to work or study	n	%
Yes	492	9.6
No	4497	87.7
Don't know	109	2.1
Not disclosed	31	0.6
Total	5130	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The responses of low risk and moderate to high risk frequent gamblers were examined and are presented in Table 5.29. Overall, 29.1% of moderate to high risk frequent gamblers gamble at the venue closest to work or study, compared to 10.9% of low risk frequent gamblers.

Table 5.29: Gamble at venue closest to work or study, low, moderate, high risk frequent gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Closest venue to work or study	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate/high risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%
Yes	36	10.9	65	29.1
No	287	87.1	153	69.0
Don't know	7	2.0	3	1.3
Not disclosed	-	-	1	0.6
Total	330	100.0	222	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

Respondents who gambled at the venue closest to their home (n=2293) were examined to determine whether these respondents also gambled at the venue closest to their place of work or study. Of these, 13.3% (n=305) also gambled at the venue closest to their place of work or study.

5.3.2 Breaks from gambling

Respondents (n=5130) were then asked if they took breaks from gambling, and the purpose of the breaks. The most common reason for taking a break while gambling was to talk with friends (37.6%). The responses are in Table 5.30.

Table 5.30: Breaks while gambling, aged 18 years and over*

Breaks	n	%
Eat	1559	30.4
Drink	1715	33.4
Smoke	866	16.9
Toilet	1678	32.7
Talk with friends	1928	37.6
Don't take breaks while gambling	2180	42.5
Don't play long enough to take a break	124	2.4
Other responses	29	0.6
Don't know/can't remember	126	2.4
Not disclosed	27	0.5

* Multiple responses possible

The responses of low risk and moderate to high risk frequent gamblers were examined and are presented in Table 5.31. The most common reason for low risk frequent gamblers to take a break was to talk with friends (58.2%), while the toilet was the most common reason for taking a break among moderate/ high risk frequent gamblers (59.9%).

Table 5.31: Breaks while gambling, low, moderate, high risk frequent gambler, aged 18 years and over*

Breaks	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate/high risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%
Eat	153	46.5	86	39.0
Drink	164	49.9	103	46.6
Smoke	103	31.2	58	26.2
Toilet	166	50.5	133	59.9
Talk with friends	192	58.2	105	47.1
Don't take breaks while gambling	75	22.7	62	28.0
Don't play long enough to take a break	6	1.8	-	-
Other responses	2	0.5	-	-
Don't know/can't remember	4	1.2	1	0.6
Not disclosed	1	0.4	-	-

* Multiple responses possible

5.3.3 Obtaining money for gambling

Respondents (n=5130) were asked how often they had used plastic cards to withdraw money from savings or cheque accounts for gambling. Overall, 1.5% of respondents always withdrew money at the hotel or gambling venue. Results are summarised in Table 5.32.

Table 5.32: Withdrew money to gamble from savings or cheque account at hotel or gambling venue, aged 18 years and over

Withdrew money at hotel or venue	n	%
Never	4056	79.1
Rarely	537	10.5
Sometimes	330	6.4
Often	106	2.1
Always	78	1.5
Not disclosed	23	0.4
Total	5130	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The responses for fortnightly and weekly gamblers were also examined. Overall, 2.6% of respondents who gambled fortnightly but not weekly, and 2.8% of weekly gamblers, always withdrew money at the venue (Table 5.33).

Table 5.33: Withdrew money, to gamble, from savings or cheque account at hotel or gambling venue, fortnightly and weekly gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Withdrew money at hotel or venue	Gambled but not frequently		Gambled at least fortnightly but less than weekly		Gambled at least weekly	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Never	2863	86.5	460	69.5	733	63.3
Rarely	273	8.2	90	13.6	174	15.1
Sometimes	109	3.3	79	11.9	142	12.2
Often	21	0.6	14	2.2	70	6.1
Always	29	0.9	17	2.6	32	2.8
Not disclosed	14	0.4	2	0.3	6	0.5
Total	3309	100.0	663	100.0	1158	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The responses of low risk and moderate to high risk frequent gamblers were also examined and are presented in Table 5.34. Overall, 12.8% of moderate to high risk frequent gamblers always withdrew money to gamble from a savings or cheque account at a hotel or gambling venue, compared to 3.3% of low risk frequent gamblers.

Table 5.34: Withdrew money, to gamble, from savings or cheque account at hotel or gambling venue, low, moderate, high risk frequent gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Withdrew money at hotel or venue	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate/high risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%
Never	160	48.5	45	20.2
Rarely	67	20.5	38	17.2
Sometimes	78	23.6	57	25.5
Often	11	3.4	54	24.4
Always	11	3.3	28	12.8
Not disclosed	2	0.7	-	-
Total	330	100.0	222	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

Respondents (n=5130) were asked if they withdrew money before they gambled. Overall results, as indicated in Table 5.35, are that 6.8% always withdrew money before gambling.

Table 5.35: Withdrew money before gamble, aged 18 years and over

Withdrew money before gamble	n	%
Never	3795	74.0
Rarely	355	6.9
Sometimes	457	8.9
Often	131	2.6
Always	350	6.8
Don't know	23	0.5
Not disclosed	18	0.4
Total	5130	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

When the responses for fortnightly and weekly gamblers were examined, 8.4% of respondents who gambled fortnightly, but not weekly, always withdrew money before they gambled, compared to 10.8% of weekly gamblers. Results are summarised in Table 5.36.

Table 5.36: Withdrew money before gamble, fortnightly and weekly gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Withdrew money before gamble	Gambled but not frequently		Gambled at least fortnightly but less than weekly		Gambled at least weekly	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Never	2671	80.7	440	66.4	683	59.0
Rarely	176	5.3	59	8.9	121	10.4
Sometimes	208	6.3	85	12.9	164	14.2
Often	55	1.7	17	2.6	59	5.1
Always	170	5.1	56	8.4	125	10.8
Don't know	16	0.5	5	0.8	2	0.2
Not disclosed	14	0.4	1	0.1	4	0.4
Total	3309	100.0	663	100.0	1158	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The responses of low risk and moderate to high risk frequent gamblers were also examined (Table 5.37). Overall, 21.6% of moderate to high risk frequent gamblers always withdrew money to gamble beforehand, compared to 15.0% of low risk frequent gamblers.

Table 5.37: Withdrew money before gamble, low, moderate, high risk frequent gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Withdrew money before gamble	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate/high risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%
Never	148	44.8	58	26.0
Rarely	48	14.7	23	10.6
Sometimes	57	17.2	67	30.4
Often	25	7.7	25	11.4
Always	49	15.0	48	21.6
Don't know	2	0.5	-	-
Not disclosed	1	0.2	-	-
Total	330	100.0	222	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

Respondents (n=5130) were then asked whether they withdrew money at the ATM at the venue. Overall, 3.0% always did so, as indicated by the results presented in Table 5.38.

Table 5.38: Withdrew money at ATM at the venue, aged 18 years and over

Withdrew money at ATM at venue	n	%
Never	3976	77.5
Rarely	407	7.9
Sometimes	465	9.1
Often	106	2.1
Always	152	3.0
Don't know	5	0.1
Not disclosed	19	0.4
Total	5130	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

Of the respondents who gambled fortnightly but not weekly, 5.3% always withdrew money from the venue ATM, compared to 5.4% of weekly gamblers. Table 5.39 presents the results.

Table 5.39: Withdrew money at ATM at the venue, fortnightly and weekly gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Withdrew money at ATM at venue	Gambled but not frequently		Gambled at least fortnightly but less than weekly		Gambled at least weekly	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Never	2792	84.4	457	68.9	727	62.8
Rarely	199	6.0	72	10.9	135	11.7
Sometimes	215	6.5	84	12.7	166	14.3
Often	33	1.0	13	1.9	61	5.3
Always	54	1.6	35	5.3	63	5.4
Don't know	2	0.1	2	0.2	2	0.2
Not disclosed	14	0.4	-	-	4	0.4
Total	3309	100.0	663	100.0	1158	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The responses of low risk and moderate to high risk frequent gamblers were also examined, as presented in Table 5.40. Overall, 18.0% of moderate to high risk frequent gamblers always withdrew money from an ATM at the gambling venue, compared to 7.8% of low risk frequent gamblers.

Table 5.40: Withdrew money at ATM at the venue, low, moderate, high risk frequent gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Withdrew money at ATM at venue	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate/high risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%
Never	164	49.9	47	21.3
Rarely	53	15.9	29	13.2
Sometimes	68	20.5	70	31.3
Often	17	5.2	36	16.1
Always	26	7.8	40	18.0
Don't know	2	0.5	-	-
Not disclosed	1	0.2	-	-
Total	330	100.0	222	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

Respondents (n=5130) were also asked if they withdrew money at the cashier. Overall, 0.6% always withdrew money from the cashier. The responses are shown in Table 5.41.

Table 5.41: Withdrew money at cashier, aged 18 years and over

Withdrew money at cashier	n	%
Never	4703	91.7
Rarely	172	3.3
Sometimes	167	3.3
Often	19	0.4
Always	33	0.6
Don't know	17	0.3
Not disclosed	20	0.4
Total	5130	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

Overall, 0.6% of fortnightly gamblers and 1.2% of weekly gamblers always withdrew money from the cashier. The responses are summarised in Table 5.42.

Table 5.42: Withdrew money at cashier, fortnightly and weekly gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Withdrew money at cashier	Gambled but not frequently		Gambled at least fortnightly but less than weekly		Gambled at least weekly	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Never	3109	94.0	593	89.5	1000	86.4
Rarely	89	2.7	35	5.2	48	4.1
Sometimes	70	2.1	24	3.6	74	6.4
Often	5	0.2	1	0.2	12	1.0
Always	15	0.5	4	0.6	14	1.2
Don't know	5	0.1	5	0.8	7	0.6
Not disclosed	15	0.5	-	-	4	0.3
Total	3309	100.0	663	100.0	1158	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The responses of low risk and moderate to high risk frequent gamblers were also examined and are presented in Table 5.43. Overall, 1.8% of moderate to high risk frequent gamblers always withdrew money at a cashier, compared to 0.8% of low risk frequent gamblers.

Table 5.43: Withdrew money at cashier, low, moderate, high risk frequent gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Withdrew money at cashier	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate/high risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%
Never	262	79.5	168	75.7
Rarely	26	7.8	11	5.1
Sometimes	35	10.5	29	13.3
Often	2	0.5	7	3.2
Always	3	0.8	4	1.8
Don't know	3	1.1	2	1.0
Total	330	100.0	222	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

Respondents (n=5130) were asked whether they withdrew money using their credit card. Overall, 0.7% of respondents always withdrew money using their credit card. The overall responses are summarised in Table 5.44.

Table 5.44: Withdrew money using credit card, aged 18 years and over

Withdrew money using credit card	n	%
Never	4814	93.8
Rarely	108	2.1
Sometimes	129	2.5
Often	17	0.3
Always	36	0.7
Don't know	6	0.1
Not disclosed	19	0.4
Total	5130	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

Overall, 0.8% of fortnightly gamblers, and 0.9% of weekly gamblers, always withdrew money using their credit card. The responses are in Table 5.45.

Table 5.45: Withdrew money using credit card, fortnightly and weekly gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Withdrew money using credit card	Gambled but not frequently		Gambled at least fortnightly but less than weekly		Gambled at least weekly	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Never	3160	95.5	622	93.8	1032	89.2
Rarely	53	1.6	14	2.1	41	3.6
Sometimes	53	1.6	19	2.9	56	4.8
Often	4	0.1	1	0.1	12	1.0
Always	21	0.6	5	0.8	10	0.9
Don't know	2	0.1	2	0.2	2	0.2
Not disclosed	15	0.5	1	0.1	4	0.3
Total	3309	100.0	663	100.0	1158	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The responses of low risk and moderate to high risk frequent gamblers were also examined and are presented in Table 5.46. Overall, 4.1% of moderate to high risk frequent gamblers always withdrew money using their credit card, compared to 0.8% of low risk frequent gamblers.

Table 5.46: Withdrew money using credit card, low, moderate, high risk frequent gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Withdrew money at cashier	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate/high risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%
Never	287	87.1	157	70.8
Rarely	20	6.1	9	4.1
Sometimes	13	4.1	42	19.0
Often	5	1.5	4	2.0
Always	3	0.8	9	4.1
Don't know	2	0.5	-	-
Total	330	100.0	222	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

Respondents (n=5130) were asked whether they withdrew money using cash cheques. Overall, 98.5% of respondents never withdrew money using cash cheques. The responses are summarised in Table 5.47.

Table 5.47: Withdrew money using cash cheques, aged 18 years and over

Withdrew money using cash cheques	n	%
Never	5052	98.5
Rarely	28	0.5
Sometimes	21	0.4
Often	2	0.04
Always	4	0.1
Don't know	4	0.1
Not disclosed	20	0.4
Total	5130	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

Overall, 99.1% of fortnightly gamblers, and 97.6% of weekly gamblers, never withdrew money using cash cheques. The responses are in Table 5.48.

Table 5.48: Withdrew money using cash cheques, fortnightly and weekly gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Withdrew money using cash cheques	Gambled but not frequently		Gambled at least fortnightly but less than weekly		Gambled at least weekly	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Never	3265	98.7	657	99.1	1130	97.6
Rarely	13	0.4	2	0.3	13	1.1
Sometimes	12	0.4	1	0.1	8	0.7
Often	2	0.1	-	-	-	-
Always	1	0.02	2	0.3	1	0.1
Don't know	-	-	2	0.2	2	0.2
Not disclosed	16	0.5	1	0.1	4	0.3
Total	3309	100.0	663	100.0	1158	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The responses of low risk and moderate to high risk frequent gamblers were also examined (Table 5.49). Overall, 94.1% of moderate to high risk frequent gamblers never withdrew money using cash cheques, compared to 98.4% of low risk frequent gamblers.

Table 5.49: Withdrew money using cash cheques, low, moderate, high risk frequent gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Withdrew money at cashier	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate/high risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%
Never	324	98.4	209	94.1
Rarely	3	0.8	5	2.3
Sometimes	-	-	8	3.6
Always	1	0.3	-	-
Don't know	2	0.5	-	-
Total	330	100.0	222	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

Respondents (n=5130) were then asked whether they withdrew money from any other sources. The responses are in Table 5.50.

Table 5.50: Withdrew money from other sources, aged 18 years and over

Withdrew money from other sources	n	%
Bank/savings account	111	2.2
Cash from purse/pocket	63	1.2
ATM elsewhere (bank, shopping centre)	59	1.1
EFTPOS	30	0.6
Friends/relatives	7	0.1
Cards/bonus/loyalty	5	0.1
Other responses	5	0.1
Do not withdraw money from other sources	4807	93.7
Don't know	22	0.4
Not disclosed	21	0.4
Total	5130	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The responses were also examined to compare fortnightly gamblers and weekly gamblers, presented in Table 5.51, and low risk and moderate to high risk frequent gamblers, presented in Table 5.52.

Table 5.51: Withdrew money from other sources, fortnightly and weekly gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Withdrew money from other sources	Gambled but not frequently		Gambled at least fortnightly but less than weekly		Gambled at least weekly	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Bank/savings account	55	1.7	23	3.5	32	2.8
Cash from purse/pocket	50	1.5	5	0.8	8	0.7
ATM elsewhere (bank, shopping centre)	31	0.9	9	1.3	19	1.6
EFTPOS	10	0.3	-	-	20	1.7
Friends/relatives	2	0.1	-	-	5	0.5
Cards/bonus/loyalty	1	0.03	3	0.4	1	0.1
Other responses	-	-	-	-	5	0.4
Do not withdraw money from other sources	3131	94.6	620	93.5	1056	91.3
Don't know	14	0.4	1	0.2	6	0.5
Not disclosed	14	0.4	2	0.3	5	0.4
Total	3309	100.0	663	100.0	1158	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

Table 5.52: Withdrew money from other sources, low, moderate, high risk frequent gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Withdrew money from other sources	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate/high risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%
Bank/savings account	12	3.6	15	7.0
Cash from purse/pocket	3	0.9	-	-
ATM elsewhere (bank, shopping centre)	8	2.6	3	1.5
EFTPOS	4	1.4	6	2.7
Friends/relatives	1	0.2	3	1.2
Cards/bonus/loyalty	1	0.2	1	0.5
Do not withdraw money from other sources	295	89.4	190	85.5
Don't know	4	1.3	-	-
Not disclosed	2	0.5	-	-
Total	330	100.0	222	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

5.4 Beliefs

5.4.1 Winning and losing on poker machines tends to occur in cycles

Respondents (n=5130) who used poker machines, and who consented to continue answering questions about their gambling, were asked how strongly they agreed with six statements about poker machine gambling.

Firstly, respondents were asked how strongly they agreed that winning and losing on poker machines tends to occur in cycles. A rating of one meant that respondents did not agree and a rating of ten indicated that they strongly agreed. Overall 24.4% of respondents did not agree, and 18.6% strongly agreed, that winning and losing on poker machines tends to occur in cycles. The responses are summarised in Table 5.53.

Table 5.53: How strongly agree that winning and losing on poker machines tends to occur in cycles, aged 18 years and over

Win and lose in cycles	n	%
Don't agree	1249	24.4
2	176	3.4
3	202	3.9
4	99	1.9
5	759	14.8
6	167	3.3
7	333	6.5
8	489	9.5
9	144	2.8
Strongly agree	954	18.6
Don't know/can't say	558	10.9
Total	5130	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The responses for fortnightly and weekly gamblers were also examined. The proportions of fortnightly and weekly gamblers that strongly agreed with the statement were 21.0% and 20.1% respectively. The responses are summarised in Table 5.54

Tale 5.54: How strongly agree that winning and losing on poker machines tends to occur in cycles, fortnightly or weekly gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Win and lose in cycles	Gambled but not frequently		Gambled at least fortnightly but less than weekly		Gambled at least weekly	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Don't agree	819	24.8	162	24.5	268	23.1
2	120	3.6	26	3.9	30	2.6
3	129	3.9	27	4.1	46	4.0
4	62	1.9	16	2.4	21	1.8
5	475	14.4	111	16.8	173	14.9
6	97	2.9	28	4.2	43	3.7
7	232	7.0	27	4.1	73	6.3
8	297	9.0	49	7.4	143	12.3
9	88	2.6	23	3.4	34	2.9
Strongly agree	582	17.6	139	21.0	232	20.1
Don't know/can't say	408	12.3	55	8.3	95	8.2
Total	3309	100.0	663	100.0	1158	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

These responses (n=5130) were also examined to identify those classified as low, moderate or high risk frequent gamblers according to their CPGI score. The proportions who agreed that winning and losing tends to occur in cycles were:

- 27.7% low;
- 22.3% moderate; and
- 23.5% high risk.

The responses are in Table 5.55.

Table 5.55: How strongly agree that winning and losing on poker machines tends to occur in cycles, low, moderate or high risk frequent gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Win and lose in cycles	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate risk frequent gambler		High risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Don't agree	69	21.0	26	16.1	21	33.6
2	5	1.4	2	1.4	-	-
3	10	3.0	10	6.5	4	5.9
4	7	2.0	1	0.7	1	0.8
5	54	16.5	22	14.1	7	10.7
6	16	5.0	8	5.3	3	4.0
7	21	6.4	13	8.0	2	2.6
8	34	10.5	24	14.9	11	16.7
9	9	2.8	11	6.9	1	2.3
Strongly agree	91	27.7	35	22.3	15	23.5
Don't know/can't say	12	3.7	6	3.7	-	-
Total	330	100.0	159	100.0	63	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

5.4.2 Certain ways of playing poker machines that give a better chance of winning money

Respondents (n=5130) were asked whether they agreed that there are certain ways of playing poker machines that give a better chance of winning. The responses are in Table 5.56.

Table 5.56: Believe that there are certain ways of playing poker machines that give you a better chance of winning money, aged 18 years and over

Better chance of winning money	n	%
Don't agree	3129	61.0
2	310	6.0
3	185	3.6
4	75	1.5
5	315	6.1
6	91	1.8
7	106	2.1
8	136	2.7
9	45	0.9
Strongly agree	244	4.8
Don't know/can't say	495	9.6
Total	5130	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The responses for fortnightly and weekly gamblers were also examined. The responses are summarised in Table 5.57.

Table 5.57: Believe that there are certain ways of playing poker machines that give you a better chance of winning money, fortnightly or weekly gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Better chance of winning money	Gambled but not frequently		Gambled at least fortnightly but less than weekly		Gambled at least weekly	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Don't agree	2016	60.9	401	60.5	712	61.5
2	197	6.0	44	6.6	69	6.0
3	112	3.4	38	5.8	34	2.9
4	47	1.4	9	1.4	18	1.6
5	204	6.2	40	6.0	71	6.1
6	64	1.9	9	1.4	18	1.6
7	77	2.3	14	2.2	14	1.2
8	73	2.2	16	2.4	47	4.1
9	28	0.8	6	0.9	11	1.0
Strongly agree	120	3.6	47	7.1	77	6.6
Don't know/can't say	371	11.2	38	5.8	86	7.4
Total	3309	100.0	663	100.0	1158	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

Responses (n=5130) were also examined to identify low, moderate or high risk frequent gamblers according to their CPGI score. The responses are in Table 5.58.

Table 5.58: Believe that there are certain ways of playing poker machines that give you a better chance of winning money, low, moderate or high risk frequent gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Better chance of winning money	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate risk frequent gambler		High risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Don't agree	188	57.1	97	61.0	35	55.2
2	15	4.6	11	7.1	5	7.3
3	12	3.7	5	3.2	1	1.8
4	6	1.7	1	0.4	2	3.4
5	27	8.1	14	8.6	2	3.8
6	5	1.6	3	2.0	3	5.5
7	11	3.2	3	2.0	-	-
8	14	4.3	6	3.6	6	9.0
9	3	0.9	1	0.3	1	2.3
Strongly agree	42	12.8	12	7.5	5	7.3
Don't know/can't say	7	2.1	7	4.4	3	4.4
Total	330	100.0	159	100.0	63	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

5.4.3 Engaging in rituals or superstitious behaviours when playing poker machines

Respondents (n=5130) were asked if they found themselves engaging in a number of rituals or superstitious behaviours when they play poker machines. The responses are in Table 5.59.

Table 5.59: Engage in rituals or superstitions when play poker machines, aged 18 years and over

Rituals and superstitions	n	%
Don't agree	4230	82.5
2	234	4.6
3	86	1.7
4	39	0.8
5	142	2.8
6	38	0.7
7	48	0.9
8	47	0.9
9	29	0.6
Strongly agree	106	2.1
Don't know/can't say	130	2.5
Total	5130	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The responses for fortnightly and weekly gamblers were also examined. The responses are summarised in Table 5.60.

Table 5.60: Engage in rituals or superstitions when play poker machines, fortnightly or weekly gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Rituals and superstitions	Gambled but not frequently		Gambled at least fortnightly but less than weekly		Gambled at least weekly	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Don't agree	2752	83.2	555	83.7	923	79.8
2	153	4.6	23	3.4	59	5.1
3	55	1.7	12	1.8	19	1.6
4	20	0.6	7	1.1	11	1.0
5	76	2.3	23	3.4	43	3.7
6	23	0.7	5	0.8	10	0.9
7	31	0.9	8	1.3	8	0.7
8	29	0.9	3	0.4	15	1.3
9	12	0.4	6	0.9	11	0.9
Strongly agree	66	2.0	7	1.1	33	2.8
Don't know/can't say	90	2.7	14	2.1	25	2.2
Total	3309	100.0	663	100.0	1158	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

Responses (n=5130) were also examined to identify low, moderate or high risk frequent gamblers, according to their CPGI score. The responses are in Table 5.61.

Table 5.61: Engage in rituals or superstitions when play poker machines, low, moderate or high risk frequent gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Rituals and superstitions	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate risk frequent gambler		High risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Don't agree	247	75.0	113	71.4	29	46.0
2	15	4.6	12	7.3	4	6.6
3	9	2.7	5	3.1	-	-
4	11	3.5	2	1.4	1	2.3
5	14	4.2	10	6.6	4	5.6
6	8	2.4	1	0.3	5	7.8
7	5	1.4	3	1.8	1	2.3
8	1	0.4	3	2.0	9	14.3
9	3	0.8	-	-	1	2.2
Strongly agree	13	3.8	10	6.0	6	9.7
Don't know/can't say	4	1.3	-	-	2	3.2
Total	330	100.0	159	100.0	63	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

5.4.4 Always bad to play on poker machines that have recently paid out

Respondents (n=5130) were asked if they agreed that it is always bad to play a poker machine that has recently paid out. Overall, 17.6% of respondents strongly agreed with this statement. The responses are in Table 5.62.

Table 5.62: Always bad to play on a poker machine that has recently paid out, aged 18 years and over

Bad to play on machine that has paid out	n	%
Don't agree	1835	35.8
2	189	3.7
3	149	2.9
4	87	1.7
5	620	12.1
6	111	2.2
7	212	4.1
8	341	6.6
9	151	2.9
Strongly agree	904	17.6
Don't know/can't say	531	10.4
Total	5130	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The responses for fortnightly and weekly gamblers were also examined. Of these, 15.0% of fortnightly gamblers and 19.6% of weekly gamblers strongly agreed that it was bad to play on poker machines that had recently paid out. The responses are summarised in Table 5.63.

Table 5.63: Always bad to play on a poker machine that has recently paid out, fortnightly or weekly gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Bad to play on machine that has paid out	Gambled but not frequently		Gambled at least fortnightly but less than weekly		Gambled at least weekly	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Don't agree	1113	33.6	281	42.3	441	38.1
2	119	3.6	32	4.9	38	3.3
3	88	2.7	21	3.2	39	3.4
4	54	1.6	14	2.1	19	1.6
5	416	12.6	64	9.6	139	12.0
6	84	2.5	11	1.7	16	1.4
7	137	4.1	22	3.4	52	4.5
8	229	6.9	38	5.8	73	6.3
9	104	3.1	20	3.1	26	2.3
Strongly agree	577	17.4	99	15.0	227	19.6
Don't know/can't say	386	11.7	59	8.9	86	7.5
Total	3309	100.0	663	100.0	1158	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

Responses (n=5130) were also examined to identify low, moderate or high risk frequent gamblers, according to their CPGI score. The proportions who strongly agreed that it was bad to play on machines that had recently paid out were:

- 24.3% 2.0% low risk;
- 21.5% 0.8% moderate risk; and
- 21.8% 4.9% high risk.

The responses are in Table 5.64.

Table 5.64: Always bad to play on a poker machine that has recently paid out, low, moderate or high risk frequent gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Bad to play on machine that has paid out	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate risk frequent gambler		High risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Don't agree	118	35.9	53	33.7	20	31.5
2	15	4.6	9	5.8	2	2.4
3	13	4.0	6	4.0	-	-
4	10	3.0	3	2.0	1	2.1
5	39	11.8	23	14.7	2	3.5
6	7	2.1	1	0.6	1	1.2
7	14	4.1	7	4.6	3	5.5
8	11	3.4	15	9.4	14	22.3
9	5	1.6	4	2.6	4	5.8
Strongly agree	80	24.3	34	21.5	14	21.8
Don't know/can't say	17	5.3	2	1.2	3	4.0
Total	330	100.0	159	100.0	63	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

5.4.5 Respondents that consider themselves particularly good at picking winning poker machines

Respondents were asked if they considered themselves good at picking winning poker machines. Overall, 1.3% strongly agreed that they were good at picking winning machines. The responses are in Table 5.65.

Table 5.65: Respondents that consider themselves to be good at picking winning poker machines, aged 18 years and over

Good at picking winning machines	n	%
Don't agree	4002	78.0
2	304	5.9
3	115	2.2
4	59	1.1
5	273	5.3
6	39	0.8
7	42	0.8
8	41	0.8
9	7	0.1
Strongly agree	65	1.3
Don't know/can't say	184	3.6
Total	5130	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The responses for fortnightly and weekly gamblers were also examined. Of these, 1.0% of fortnightly gamblers, and 1.9% of weekly gamblers, strongly agreed that they considered themselves to be good at picking winning poker machines. The responses are summarised in Table 5.66.

Table 5.66: Respondents that consider themselves to be good at picking winning poker machines, fortnightly or weekly gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Good at picking winning machines	Gambled but not frequently		Gambled at least fortnightly but less than weekly		Gambled at least weekly	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Don't agree	2638	79.7	502	75.8	861	74.4
2	196	5.9	36	5.5	72	6.2
3	61	1.8	21	3.2	32	2.8
4	30	0.9	10	1.6	18	1.6
5	149	4.5	47	7.0	78	6.7
6	20	0.6	6	0.9	12	1.0
7	28	0.9	5	0.7	9	0.8
8	13	0.4	7	1.0	20	1.8
9	4	0.1	-	-	2	0.2
Strongly agree	37	1.1	6	1.0	22	1.9
Don't know/can't say	132	4.0	22	3.3	30	2.6
Total	3309	100.0	663	100.0	1158	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

Responses (n=5130) were also examined to identify low, moderate or high risk frequent gamblers, according to their CPGI score. The proportions who strongly agreed that they were good at picking winning machines were:

- 2.0% low risk;
- 0.8% moderate risk; and
- 4.9% high risk.

The responses are in Table 5.67.

Table 5.67: Respondents that consider themselves to be good at picking winning poker machines, low, moderate or high risk frequent gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Good at picking winning machines	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate risk frequent gambler		High risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Don't agree	221	67.1	116	73.1	40	63.7
2	23	7.1	12	7.3	3	5.1
3	8	2.5	7	4.7	3	4.9
4	13	4.1	3	2.2	1	0.7
5	32	9.7	15	9.2	7	11.2
6	9	2.7	1	0.7	-	-
7	3	0.8	-	-	1	2.2
8	8	2.4	3	2.1	-	-
9	2	0.7	-	-	-	-
Strongly agree	7	2.0	1	0.8	3	4.9
Don't know/can't say	4	1.1	-	-	5	7.3
Total	330	100.0	159	100.0	63	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

5.4.6 Respondents who sometimes find themselves talking to or shouting at poker machines

Respondents (n=5130) were asked if they sometimes found themselves talking to or shouting at poker machines. Overall, 1.9% of respondents agreed that they sometimes did. The responses are in Table 5.68.

Table 5.68: Sometimes find themselves talking to, or shouting at, poker machines, aged 18 years and over

Talk to or shout at machines	n	%
Don't agree	4171	81.3
2	204	4.0
3	97	1.9
4	62	1.2
5	182	3.6
6	53	1.0
7	61	1.2
8	61	1.2
9	23	0.5
Strongly agree	96	1.9
Don't know/can't say	121	2.4
Total	5130	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

The responses for fortnightly and weekly gamblers were also examined. Of these, 2.3% of fortnightly, and 3.5% of weekly, gamblers strongly agreed that they talked to or shouted at machines sometimes. The responses are summarised in Table 5.69.

Table 5.69: Sometimes find themselves talking to or shouting at poker machines, fortnightly or weekly gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Talk to or shout at machines	Gambled but not frequently		Gambled at least fortnightly but less than weekly		Gambled at least weekly	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Don't agree	2755	83.3	523	78.9	892	77.1
2	121	3.7	33	5.0	50	4.3
3	55	1.7	17	2.5	26	2.2
4	40	1.2	6	1.0	15	1.3
5	107	3.2	29	4.3	46	4.0
6	30	0.9	5	0.7	18	1.6
7	26	0.8	12	1.8	23	2.0
8	35	1.1	10	1.6	15	1.3
9	18	0.5	1	0.2	4	0.3
Strongly agree	40	1.2	15	2.3	40	3.5
Don't know/can't say	82	2.5	12	1.8	27	2.4
Total	3309	100.0	663	100.0	1158	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

Responses (n=5130) were also examined to identify low, moderate or high risk frequent gamblers according to their CPGI score. The proportions who strongly agreed that they sometimes found themselves talking to or shouting at poker machines were:

- 5.7% low;
- 8.7% moderate; and
- 3.0% high risk.

The responses are in Table 5.70.

Table 5.70: Sometimes find themselves talking to or shouting at poker machines, low, moderate or high risk frequent gamblers, aged 18 years and over

Talk to or shout at machines	Low risk frequent gambler		Moderate risk frequent gambler		High risk frequent gambler	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Don't agree	224	68.1	98	61.7	44	69.8
2	14	4.3	9	5.4	5	7.3
3	10	3.1	5	3.3	1	1.4
4	2	0.6	5	2.9	1	2.0
5	24	7.3	6	3.9	4	6.1
6	15	4.5	4	2.7	-	-
7	10	3.1	13	8.1	3	4.2
8	7	2.2	4	2.6	1	2.2
9	1	0.1	1	0.7	1	0.8
Strongly agree	19	5.7	14	8.7	2	3.0
Don't know/can't say	3	1.0	-	-	2	3.2
Total	330	100.0	159	100.0	63	100.0

Note: The weighting of the data can result in rounding discrepancies or totals not adding (see Section 1.5.3)

