

# Prime Table Games

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Gerry Sutcliffe  
Minister for Sport  
Department for Culture, Media and Sport  
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Dear Mr Sutcliffe,

**Re: The impact of high stake, high prize gambling machines on problem gamblers.**

As you will be aware, Fixed Odd Betting Terminals are in operation across the UK and I'm writing to you to let you know that I believe that these Terminals are unfair and should be removed from public use.

These Terminals are too easily accessible to vulnerable people and exploit players in many ways:

1. There is inadequate age verification and sobriety verification of players
2. There's often no easily accessible cash-out button, making it hard for players to quit
3. Terminal Fantasy Races often use software that fixes results so there are more lower-pay-off winners than by random distribution
4. Some bet minimums and maximums are way too high

In addition, such terminals are wholly unfair when compared to the casino versions of the games they seek to replicate because:

1. The theoretical amount per bet that players lose on many bets is higher
2. The actual percentage of player cash-ins that players lose is higher
3. The probability that players lose all their available cash on a session is higher

Our national press advertising campaign to 'Terminate the Terminals' has begun and I enclose copies of the first advert and press release for your convenience. I also enclose an article, which I have written on Problem Gambling on Terminals.

Please contact me with any questions.

Yours sincerely



Derek Webb.

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