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RE: First Measures Report: Determining Socio-Economic Impacts of New Gaming Venues in Four Lower Mainland Communities

In June 2004, the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch, in conjunction with the BC Lottery Corporation, the City of Langley, City of Surrey, City of Vancouver and the Township of Langley, launched a research study into the social and economic impacts of new gaming venues in these Lower Mainland communities.

We are pleased to present this First Measures Report, comparing 2005 data with the baseline social and economic data gathered prior to and during the opening of three of the four gaming venues in 2004. The impact analysis in this report is limited, as it is based on data collected shortly after the Casino opening dates. These delays were not anticipated at the start of the project; however the final report due in 2007 will have sufficient data to support impact analysis.

The next set of data collection to measure benefits and impacts will take place over the next several months. The final report will be issued in spring 2007.

I am confident you will find the First Measures Report informative.

Sincerely,

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