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UPDATE ON THE TENURE ISSUE: NOTICE TO MEMBERS

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On 28th July, the Minister for Sport wrote to the FRB setting out his current thoughts with regard to the list positions issue. He has confirmed that he will meet the Working Party in September.

In the meantime, we will continue to engage with racecourses and racecourse groups, and indeed the RCA, with the aim of securing a clear set of workable proposals that are acceptable to both sides, particularly with respect to the main issues, namely duration of tenure, dispute resolution and new betting areas. Provided that these can be agreed, it should be possible, as the Minister has said, for racecourses and bookmakers to negotiate on a case by case basis about the commercial fees (i.e. the daily rate/access charges).

We sincerely hope that the letter from the Minister will focus minds and will help us to move towards a fair solution. Of course, we will keep members informed of progress. We will also report back on a regular basis to DCMS officials, as requested by the Minister.

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