

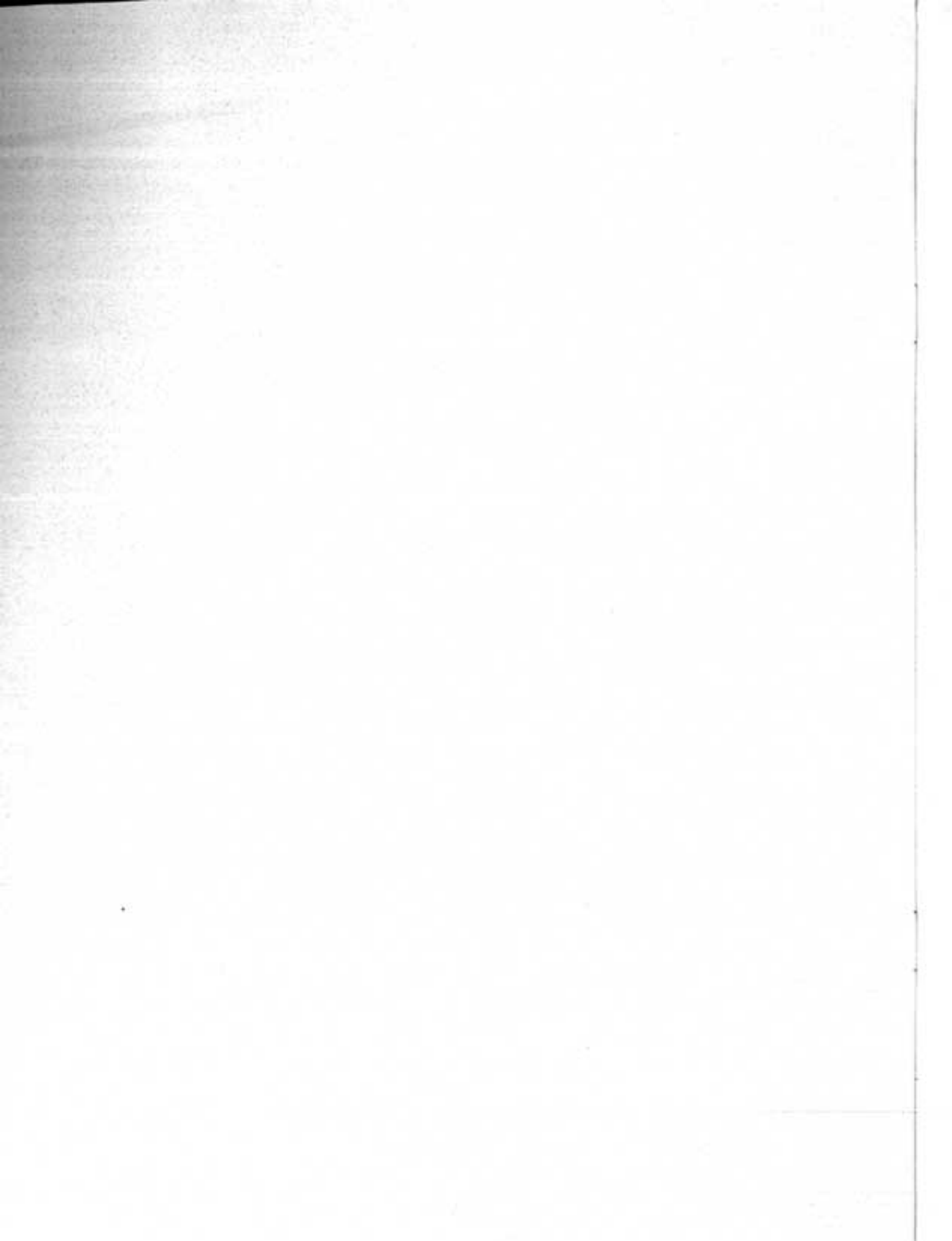
# *Gaming in Alberta*



*1996-97 in Review*

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Honourable Patricia L. Black  
Minister Responsible for the  
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Dear Hon. Black:

We are pleased to submit a review of charitable gaming activities in Alberta for 1996/97.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy Bricker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R".

Roy Bricker  
Chief Executive Officer (Acting)

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Norman C. Peterson  
Chairman (Acting)



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## MANDATE

The Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission's mandate, in accordance with the Gaming and Liquor Act, the Criminal Code (Canada) and within the policy framework established by government, includes the following:

- licence, regulate and monitor gaming and liquor activities in Alberta;
- ensure integrity and social responsibility in the operation of gaming and liquor activities;
- collect gaming and liquor revenue;
- ensure business and program operations are run efficiently and effectively;
- define operating policies and procedures for gaming and liquor activities;
- disperse provincial lottery revenues;
- support industry and government initiatives to address problem gambling and responsible alcohol consumption;
- communicate to gaming and liquor stakeholders accurate and timely information.

## ALL LICENSED GAMING

	Licences	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	% of Gross	Expenses (\$000)	% of Gross	CGTs(2) (\$000)	Net Profit to Charity (\$000)
<b>Fiscal 1994/95</b>								
Bingos	2,855	317,367	222,431	70.1	49,117	15.5		45,819
Casinos	1,222	294,070	243,751	82.9	30,715	10.4		19,604
Pull-Tickets	816	63,161	46,973	74.4	3,928	6.2		12,260
Raffles	3,314	54,044	23,055	42.7	9,704	17.9		21,285
	8,207	728,642	536,210	73.6	93,464	12.8		98,968

### Fiscal 1995/96

Bingos	2,699	307,630	214,191	69.6	48,996	15.9		44,443
Casinos	1,418	303,948	251,724	82.8	34,572	11.4	166	17,818
Pull-Tickets	772	62,192	46,409	74.6	3,858	6.2		11,925
Raffles(1)	532	58,863	26,203	44.5	11,177	19.0		21,483
	5,421	732,633	538,527	73.5	98,603	13.5	166	95,669

### Fiscal 1996/97

Bingos	3,469	329,726	221,742	67.2	53,251	16.2		54,733
Casinos	1,769	354,598	293,753	82.8	35,672	10.1	2,680	27,853
Pull-Tickets	634	43,953	32,833	74.7	2,797	6.4		8,323
Raffles(1)	464	58,925	27,951	47.4	15,702	26.7		15,272
	6,336	787,202	576,279	73.2	107,422	13.6	2,680	106,181

## FISCAL 1996/97 BY MAJOR CENTRE

	Licences	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	Expenses (\$000)	CGTs(2) (\$000)	Net Profit to Charity (\$000)
Calgary	1,262	252,924	187,610	35,404	714	30,624
Edmonton	1,734	302,234	224,859	40,735	1,506	38,146
Fort McMurray	171	11,891	8,037	1,850	31	2,035
Grande Prairie	134	11,324	7,466	1,833	39	2,064
Lethbridge	319	25,773	18,472	3,806	77	3,572
Medicine Hat	263	18,160	13,145	2,610	35	2,440
Red Deer	326	22,365	15,778	3,382	67	3,272
St. Albert	276	30,631	23,271	4,703	206	2,863
Other Locations	1,851	111,900	77,641	13,099	5	21,165
	6,336	787,202	576,279	107,422	2,680	106,181

(1) Starting in 1995/96, does not include raffles under \$10,000.

(2) CGTs include slot machines (starting January 1996) and electronic horse racing (starting October 1996).



## BINGOS

	Licences	Events	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	% of Gross	Expenses (\$000)	% of Gross	Net Profit to Charity (\$000)	% of Gross
<b>Fiscal 1994/95</b>									
Calgary	408	11,391	80,258	55,243	68.9	14,552	18.1	10,463	13.0
Edmonton	719	12,227	89,830	61,679	68.6	14,713	16.4	13,438	15.0
All Other Locations	1,728	29,991	147,279	105,509	71.6	19,852	13.5	21,918	14.9
	2,855	53,609	317,367	222,431	70.1	49,117	15.5	45,819	14.4

### Fiscal 1995/96

Calgary	361	10,549	74,522	51,041	68.5	14,264	19.1	9,217	12.4
Edmonton	712	12,374	91,883	62,734	68.3	15,280	16.6	13,869	15.1
All Other Locations	1,626	28,372	141,225	100,416	71.1	19,452	13.8	21,357	15.1
	2,699	51,295	307,630	214,191	69.6	48,996	15.9	44,443	14.5

### Fiscal 1996/97(1)

Calgary	- Regular	535	10,771	68,881	47,070	68.3	13,722	19.9	8,089	11.8
	- Satellite (2)	-	-	8,646	4,325	50.0	822	9.5	3,499	40.5
Edmonton	- Regular	1,051	12,081	85,923	59,027	68.7	15,737	18.3	11,159	13.0
	- Satellite (2)	-	-	11,582	5,792	50.0	1,100	9.5	4,690	40.5
All Other Locations	- Regular	1,883	27,436	136,045	96,223	70.7	20,099	14.8	19,723	14.5
	- Satellite (2)	-	-	18,649	9,305	49.9	1,771	9.5	7,573	40.6
		3,469	50,288	329,726	221,742	67.2	53,251	16.2	54,733	16.6

## FISCAL 1996/97 BY MAJOR CENTRE (1)

	Licences	Events	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	Expenses (\$000)	Net Profit to Charity (\$000)
Calgary	535	10,771	77,527	51,395	14,544	11,588
Edmonton	1,051	12,081	97,505	64,819	16,837	15,849
Fort McMurray	105	1,144	9,722	6,453	1,441	1,828
Grade Prairie	66	1,057	7,936	5,088	1,278	1,570
Lethbridge	140	1,397	14,660	9,492	2,304	2,864
Medicine Hat	151	1,396	12,010	8,419	1,799	1,792
Red Deer	155	1,440	13,159	8,811	2,034	2,314
St. Albert	104	1,449	12,624	8,512	2,063	2,049
Other Locations	1,162	19,553	84,583	58,753	10,951	14,879
	3,469	50,288	329,726	221,742	53,251	54,733

(1) Starting in 1996/97, bingo activity reported represents all activity within the stated year. Previously, it represented all activity for licences ended in the stated year.

(2) The Satellite Bingo Game began February 1996. The Satellite Game allows for 50% of gross revenue for prizes, 9.5% of gross revenue for expenses, with the balance (40.5%) going to the charitable organization(s) holding the bingo licence(s).

## CASINOS

	Licences	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	% of Gross	Expenses (\$000)	% of Gross	CGTs(1) (\$000)	Net Profit to Charity (\$000)
<b>Fiscal 1994/95</b>								
Calgary	393	121,317	101,102	83.3	12,157	10.0		8,058
Edmonton	394	141,313	116,829	82.7	12,815	9.1		11,669
All Other Locations	435	31,440	25,820	82.1	5,743	18.3		(123)
	1,222	294,070	243,751	82.9	30,715	10.4		19,604

### Fiscal 1995/96

Calgary	406	124,730	104,155	83.5	12,590	10.1	57	8,042
Edmonton	409	142,924	118,154	82.7	14,006	9.8	76	10,840
All Other Locations	603	36,294	29,415	81.0	7,976	22.0	33	(1,064)
	1,418	303,948	251,724	82.8	34,572	11.4	166	17,818

### Fiscal 1996/97

Calgary	558	138,655	115,664	83.4	12,948 (2)	9.3	714	10,757
Edmonton	528	175,282	145,012	82.7	16,324 (2)	9.3	1,506	15,452
All Other Locations	683	40,661	33,077	81.3	6,400 (2)	15.7	460	1,644
	1,769	354,598	293,753	82.8	35,672	10.1	2,680	27,853

## FISCAL 1996/97 BY MAJOR CENTRE

	Licences	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	Expenses(2) (\$000)	CGTs(1) (\$000)	Net Profit to Charity (\$000)
Calgary	558	138,655	115,664	12,948	714	10,757
Edmonton	528	175,282	145,012	16,324	1,506	15,452
Fort McMurray	56	1,626	1,245	377	31	35
Grande Prairie	49	2,000	1,579	361	39	99
Lethbridge	154	8,867	7,379	1,249	77	316
Medicine Hat	98	3,182	2,552	616	35	49
Red Deer	152	7,031	5,590	1,163	67	345
St. Albert	167	17,806	14,626	2,629	206	757
Other Locations	7	149	106	5	5	43
	1,769	354,598	293,753	35,672	2,680	27,853

(1) CGTs include slot machines (starting January 1996), and electronic horse racing (starting October 1996).

(2) Prior to July 1, 1996, the cost to charities for using a permanent casino facility were paid before any profit went to the charity. The charity then received the balance of the net winnings as their profit for the event. Subsequent to July 1, 1996, costs of operating the casino facility are paid to a casino operator only to a maximum amount based on a percentage of net winnings. In Edmonton and Calgary, the percentage of net winnings allowed to be used for operating expenses is 50%, in St. Albert it is 65%, and in all other locations it is 75%. This model allows for a greater and more equitable return to charities. As of March 31, 1997 there were 16 permanent facilities operating in Alberta.

## PULL-TICKETS

	Licences	Units Sold	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	% of Gross	Expenses (\$000)	% of Gross	Net Profit to Charity (\$000)	% of Gross
<i>Fiscal 1994/95</i>									
Calgary	86	11,236	16,405	12,163	74.2	1,005	6.1	3,237	19.7
Edmonton	45	4,933	8,892	6,721	75.6	514	5.8	1,657	18.6
All Other Locations	685	27,684	37,864	28,089	74.2	2,409	6.4	7,366	19.4
	816	43,853	63,161	46,973	74.4	3,928	6.2	12,260	19.4

### *Fiscal 1995/96*

Calgary	70	11,253	17,654	13,218	74.9	1,093	6.2	3,343	18.9
Edmonton	46	3,894	6,894	5,231	75.9	402	5.8	1,261	18.3
All Other Locations	656	26,614	37,644	27,960	74.3	2,363	6.3	7,321	19.4
	772	41,761	62,192	46,409	74.6	3,858	6.2	11,925	19.2

### *Fiscal 1996/97*

Calgary	71	7,700	12,225	9,126	74.6	741	6.1	2,358	19.3
Edmonton	45	2,771	4,826	3,662	75.9	315	6.5	849	17.6
All Other Locations	518	18,967	26,902	20,045	74.5	1,741	6.5	5,116	19.0
	634	29,438	43,953	32,833	74.7	2,797	6.4	8,323	18.9

## FISCAL 1996/97 BY MAJOR CENTRE

	Licences	Units Sold	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	Expenses (\$000)	Net Profit to Charity (\$000)
Calgary	71	7,700	12,225	9,126	741	2,358
Edmonton	45	2,771	4,826	3,662	315	849
Fort McMurray	2	243	292	215	19	58
Grande Prairie	3	192	319	238	22	59
Lethbridge	6	987	1,503	1,122	101	280
Medicine Hat	5	953	2,273	1,757	133	383
Red Deer	4	765	1,255	944	92	219
St. Albert	3	116	142	104	10	28
Other Locations	495	15,711	21,118	15,665	1,364	4,089
	634	29,438	43,953	32,833	2,797	8,323

## RAFFLES

	Licences	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	% of Gross	Expenses (\$000)	% of Gross	Net Profit to Charity (\$000)	% of Gross
<b>Fiscal 1994/95</b>								
Calgary	315	15,036	5,664	37.7	2,625	17.4	6,747	44.9
Edmonton	483	14,810	6,768	45.7	3,361	22.7	4,681	31.6
All Other Locations	2,516	24,198	10,623	43.9	3,718	15.4	9,857	40.7
	3,314	54,044	23,055	42.7	9,704	17.9	21,285	39.4

<b>Fiscal 1995/96(1)</b>								
Calgary	99	23,234	9,795	42.2	4,460	19.2	8,979	38.6
Edmonton	125	23,414	10,076	43.1	5,413	23.1	7,925	33.8
All Other Locations	308	12,215	6,332	51.8	1,304	10.7	4,579	37.5
	532	58,863	26,203	44.5	11,177	19.0	21,483	36.5

<b>Fiscal 1996/97(1)</b>								
Calgary	98	24,517	11,425	46.6	7,171	29.2	5,921	24.2
Edmonton	110	24,621	11,366	46.2	7,259	29.5	5,996	24.3
All Other Locations	256	9,787	5,160	52.7	1,272	13.0	3,355	34.3
	464	58,925	27,951	47.4	15,702	26.7	15,272	25.9

## FISCAL 1996/97 BY MAJOR CENTRE

	Licences	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	Expenses (\$000)	Net Profit to Charity (\$000)
Calgary	98	24,517	11,425	7,171	5,921
Edmonton	110	24,621	11,366	7,259	5,996
Fort McMurray	8	251	124	13	114
Grande Prairie	16	1,069	561	172	336
Lethbridge	19	743	479	152	112
Medicine Hat	9	695	417	62	216
Red Deer	15	920	433	93	394
St. Albert	2	59	29	1	29
Other Locations	187	6,050	3,117	779	2,154
	464	58,925	27,951	15,702	15,272

(1) Starting in 1995/96, does not include raffles under \$10,000.

## SCHEDULE OF LICENCE FEES

	<b>Licence Fee</b>
<b>Bingos</b>	
Events With Prizes \$15,000 or less	\$30 Per Event
Events With Prizes Over \$15,000	\$3,000 Per Event
<b>Casinos</b>	
Not at Fairs or Exhibitions	\$15 Per Table Per Day
At Fairs or Exhibitions	\$35 Per Table Per Day
<b>Pull-Tickets</b>	1.5% of Sales
<b>Raffles Over \$10,000</b>	1.5% of Sales
<b>Casino Facilities</b>	
Operating 6 or 7 days per week	\$500
Operating less than 6 days per week	\$100

## LICENCE FEES COLLECTED

	Bingos (\$000)	Casinos (\$000)	Pull- Tickets (\$000)	Raffles (\$000)	Casino Facilities (\$000)	Total Fees Collected (\$000)
1994/95	1,212	1,028	438	1,094		3,772
1995/96	1,191	1,114	702	1,221		4,228
1996/97	1,202	1,081	609	1,261	19	4,172



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