

Membership figures of GLAI rise by 30% in May 2009

15th May 2009: The Gaming and Leisure Association (GLAI) has today announced a swell in membership figures from 10 in April to 13 land-based Private Members Gaming Clubs in May 2009. The Association also welcomed 2 new online operators in February.

David Hickson, Director of the GLAI attributes the rise in membership to the expected recognition of Private Members Gaming Clubs in the imminent Anti-Money Laundering Bill as well as a restructure of membership options. “Our members have been calling for full regulation of our sector since 2006 potentially leading to 3,000 new jobs for Ireland; we welcome progress towards this if our clubs are recognised in the Anti-Money Laundering bill however the GLAI will continue to call for full regulation of our sector”. Speaking about the growth in membership figures at the GLAI Mr Hickson said “We reacted to market forces, offering rates that reflected economic conditions and introduced an Associate level membership as well as a full membership option, the restructure of fees and the need for us to group together to call for regulation has seen our numbers rise considerably since the beginning of the year”.

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