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During the Gambling (Categorisation and Use of B2 Gaming Machines) Bill Second Reading on Friday 11 March you enquired about how much tax revenue had been collected directly from B2 gaming machines and I understand that you had recently made the same enquiry to HM Treasury. I am sorry that I was unable to respond to you at the time and promised to write to you.

I can confirm that the total value of machine games duty receipts for 2014-15 was £562 million but that receipts from B2 gaming machines are not separately identified in the figures published in HMRC's Tax and Duty Bulletin.

I hope you find this letter helpful. I am writing in similar terms to Baroness Howe of Idlicote and will also place a copy in the House Library.

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The Lord Bishop of St Albans House of Lords