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Dear Kevin

I would like to thank you for your contribution to the debate on our update to Schedule 6 of the Gambling Act 2005, which took place on 29 January. I promised to write on the question of why British Cycling was not among the sports governing bodies added to the Schedule in this update.

A consultation on the update was held in November - December 2016 and the Gambling Commission engaged with sports governing bodies which asked to be added to the schedule. British Cycling was not one of these bodies, although they were included in a wider proposal from the Sports Betting Group to "include the widest range of SGBs and as a minimum all SGBs recognised by the Home Sports Councils".

As I explained during the debate, the Commission, which is the independent regulator and advisor to government on gambling, advised us that not all governing bodies recognised by the Home Sports Councils have the standard of information management which would let it share information routinely with them at present. It is vital that the Commission is regarded as an organisation which treats data with respect, to ensure the continuing flow of essential information relating to sports betting integrity.

The Commission's Sports Betting Intelligence Unit has worked with British Cycling and others to streamline processes and make information sharing as straightforward as possible. However, since the Unit was established, it has received only one report from a gambling operator relating to British Cycling and no further action was required.

A copy of this letter has been placed with the House Library, and copied to Toby Perkins MP for Chesterfield and Gavin Newlands MP for Paisley and Renfrewshire North.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tracey'.

Tracey Crouch MP
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