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Government Lottery

The Government notes the reports of bulk sales of Gibraltar Government Lottery tickets to individuals who are now advertising the resale of these tickets at higher than face value prices.

The Government considers that these actions constitute offences contrary to Section 19 of the Government Lotteries Regulations 2016 and is therefore putting the matter in the hands of the police.

The Hon Albert Isola, Minister with Responsibility for Gaming, is also considering the possibility of suspending agents or sub-agents who may have been involved in the aiding and abetting of these offences.

Government is considering changes to next year's Christmas Lottery which will include an increase in the number of tickets available for sale and in the prize money. Furthermore, the draw on Tuesday 9 January will feature an increased first prize of £250,000 with a further 5000 tickets available for sale.

Minister Isola said, "The tradition of the Christmas Lottery has long been enjoyed by Gibraltarian families. We are most concerned that the reputation of the Lottery has been tarnished by these recent actions and, as a Government, we are determined that there should be no repetition of these offences in the future."