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<b>Lead topic: The National Lottery Fund</b>	<b>Sub-topic: National Lottery Regulator</b>	<b>Contact: Margot Dunne Ext: 5523</b>
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## **FAST FACTS**

- **The National Lottery Act 2013 established a new position of Lottery Regulator.**
- **The new Regulator was appointed on 17 November 2014.**
- **Prior to his appointment, the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform exercised the regulatory role.**
- **It is the job of the Regulator to ensure that the Lottery is run with all due propriety, that players' interests are protected and that the long term sustainability of the Lottery is safeguarded.**
- **The Regulator is also responsible for managing and controlling the Lottery Fund.**

## **Q&A'S**

- **What is the role of the Regulator?**  
The overarching function of the Regulator is to ensure that the National Lottery is run with all due propriety, the interests of participants in the National Lottery are protected, and the long term sustainability of the National Lottery is safeguarded. Subject to this, an additional function is that revenue for Good Causes is maximised.
- **Who is the Regulator?**  
The 2013 legislation established a new position of Lottery Regulator. Mr Liam Sloyan was appointed to this position on 17 November 2014 following an open recruitment process. Prior to his appointment, the Minister for Public Expenditure & Reform exercised the regulatory role until that date.
- **How is the Regulator funded?**  
The Regulator's Office is funded by an annual levy of €1.5m (index linked to CPI) paid by the operator.
- **Will the Department be publishing the details of the Licence?**  
The Lottery Act provides for the publication of the details of the licence by the Lottery Regulator. In deciding what to publish, the Regulator must take into account the commercial sensitivity of any material contained in the licence. I understand that this matter is currently under review by the Regulator and that the Information Commissioner is also examining the issue.