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**19 Deputy G.P. Southern of the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture regarding the prospective banning of online gambling with credit cards: (OQ.45/2020)**

What action, if any, will the Minister take to address the issue of online gambling with credit cards in light of the recent U.K. Gambling Commission's decision to ban this practice?

**Senator L.J. Farnham (The Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture):**

Islanders are currently free to gamble with any company they choose. However, the Jersey Gambling Commission suggests that local residents, who do choose to gamble online, do so predominantly through a U.K. operator. As a result, they will no longer be able to use their credit cards, because the U.K. will have this functionality removed in April 2020.

**4.19.1 Deputy G.P. Southern:**

When the Minister says "predominantly" what is he talking about? How many companies are registered here and governed here and how many are regulated in the U.K.?

**Senator L.J. Farnham:**

We have very few online gaming businesses here - under 10, in fact, as I understand it - the vast majority of which are operating in other countries around the world outside of the U.K. Some of those jurisdictions do require use of credit cards for other reasons and other usages of the website.