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MP BACKS BINGO**

Local MP, Danny Alexander, backed a fair deal for bingo when he visited Carlton Bingo Inverness yesterday (Wed 16th Apr).

Bingo is uniquely affected by HM Treasury rules that require the industry to pay Gross Profit Tax and VAT on ticket sales. Whereas casinos and other gaming sectors only pay 15% Gross Profit Tax, Bingo clubs pay nearly 27% tax on a book of bingo tickets. At a time when bingo is still adjusting to the impact of the smoking ban and a number of community clubs have closed, the industry is calling on the Government to act.

Danny Alexander MP showed his support for the industry by signing an early day motion that called on the Government to end double taxation and do more to support this important industry.

Following the meeting, Operations Director at Carlton Bingo, Brain King said:

“Ending the double taxation of bingo is a major issue for our industry. As a local company headquartered in Inverness and with clubs across Scotland and the North of England we are calling for bingo to be on a equal footing with other gaming sectors. I am delighted that our local MP, Danny Alexander, is supporting this issue. Hopefully we can convince the Government to deliver a fair deal for bingo.”