

Public gambling and lottery can increase local/national government budgets for science funding

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Duque as head of a new Ministry for Science, Innovation, and Universities in Spain will face extraordinary challenges to increase the budget (1). Gambling is illegal in Japan except public gambling. After the World War II, for economically supporting local government reconstructions in Japan, public gambling has been legal where the peak sale of 80 billion US dollars through public gambling was established in 1992. The fixed profit of public gambling sales including bicycles/boats/auto/horse racing in Japan goes to the national government. In addition to public gambling, the Sports Promotion Lottery (toto/BIG) was introduced in 2001 (2). Although I don't like gambling and lottery, it may be a good idea to increase budgets by public gambling and lottery for science funding in Spain.

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