under the Gambling Act. The government of the day was unwilling to believe that there were problems such as money laundering in the gambling industry, but sceptics have since acknowledged that the Commission was right in this regard.

reluctant to work together, to use the guidelines. All this was achieved not by using statutory powers but through persuasion and consensus. No wonder this Regulator's role is regarded as one of the toughest high-profile jobs of its kind anywhere.

In September this year Andrew Rennison was appointed the UK's first Surveillance Camera Commissioner.

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