

TREASURER'S REPORT

Over recent years the central theme of my report has been the change in the both the services delivered by the Conference to its members, and the manner in which these services are delivered .The ECB have as you know made it clear to us that they wish to deal with an organisation which represents amateur cricket nationally. This has been the principle factor in the formation of the National Cricket Conference of which we are part.

Last year I warned that the financial results would be adversely impacted by the continuing decline in the income produced from the manned Fixture Bureau, which we have run for many years. We all know that Saturday cricket is almost entirely played in leagues and that Sunday cricket is in decline. Ten years ago our Fixture Bureau produced in the order of £50,000. Contrast this with last year where the gross income was only £11,000.

We have as you know invested heavily over the last three years in the development of South Asian Cricket. This has now led directly to the formation of the National Asian Cricket Council and we should be proud of the efforts of Gulfraz Riaz and Simon Prodger which have led directly to this.

I am more confident now about our prospects for a sustainable future than I have been previously. We are generating income from implementing the national initiatives of the ECB and it is with similar national initiatives that our future lies. These, I anticipate will include schemes to assist the finances of our member clubs by setting up loyalty schemes etc.

We can also look forward to our Centenary Year and the opportunities that this will bring.

Steve Wright, March 2015