

INDEPENDENT TD MICHAEL Lowry is ticking one present off his Christmas wish list today. It looks like gaming legislation will change to allow through plans for a super-casino in his north Tipperary constituency.

Lowry has been lobbying for the development of the Tipperary

Venue, which will incorporate a replica White House, the super-casino, an all-weather horseracing track and a golf course among its features. However, the €460 million could not get the go-ahead as long as current legislation existed which did not allow for the existence for large-scale casinos.

Now a law allowing casino “resorts” with up to 1,500 gambling machines, gaming tables and so on have been recommended by a Department of Justice report. [The Irish Examiner reports today](#) that the Options for Regulating Gambling proposals, sent to the Government yesterday, said:

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RETAIL EXCELLENCE IRELAND says that this December is [the worst month](#) for retail sales in recent times.

Sales are expected to drop by 6.7% for the month when compared with December of last year.

The bad weather is believed to have taken a toll on retail figures as shoppers deferred or cancelled shopping plans because of the snow and ice.

Irish shoppers are now also more focused on price than brand, according to REI. The REI has already factored in the anticipated last minute rush tomorrow.

Let us know how your Christmas shopping plans have been working out in the comments

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below. Have they been affected by the weather, or are you more actively price-conscious this year?

Will you do your shopping on Christmas Eve?

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