



The data for this study are drawn from the questionnaires administered to 184 members of the House of Representatives who were elected in the 1986 general election. The survey was conducted during October 7, 1986 to February 8, 1987. The data are analysed by means of the SPSS and the basic statistics, for example, percentage, mode, t-test and one-way analysis of variance are employed.

The study results are summarized as follow :

Most respondents reported male, age over 48 years, undergraduate level of education, having one's own business. Most of them are also characterized as being elected from various provinces the Central part of Thailand, affiliating the government-side political parties, less knowledge about the Gambling Act B.E.2478, and inexperience in casino games.

Most of the respondents are found to have a neutral attitude toward the socio-cultural and economic impacts. At 95% confidence level, the age and the awareness/experience in casino games variables both proved to be statistically significant. Meanwhile, the following variables are not statistically significant, i.e., education, former profession, geographical part represented, affiliated political party, knowledge/understanding of the Gambling Act B.E.2478.