

**COMMENTS BY MINISTER FOR LAW AND SECOND MINISTER FOR HOME  
AFFAIRS MR K. SHANMUGAM IN RESPONSE TO MEDIA QUERIES ON CHECKS  
AND BALANCES IN RELATION TO CORRUPTION AT THE SIIA CONFERENCE ON  
GOVERNANCE AND ANTI-CORRUPTION  
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**Media**

Do you expect with the Integrated Resorts (IRs), there will be an increase in corruption? How do you manage that? What are some of the checks and balances to prevent corruption?

**Minister**

"When the introduction of the IRs, more specifically, the casinos with the IRs, when the Government decided it will go down this road, obviously there were a number of challenges that the IRs will bring with them - social as well as legal issues, the possibility of vice-related activities, criminal gangs coming to Singapore. These issues were looked at carefully.

What we have been doing is to get the best practices and understand how other jurisdictions have dealt with these issues. We get experts from all over the world - Australia, UK, US and look at the regulatory framework and see the different facets where there can be issues arising. I think we are quietly confident that we have put in the appropriate steps to really deal with the challenges that may come about. And at the same time, people know that Singapore's environment where the framework of laws is tough, and enforcement will be tough. It's probably a place where you will get a good IR experience and we take that the challenges are something we can manage. We will be able to manage.

And specifically, your question on police officers - police officers have powers and when there is power, obviously there are people who will want to tempt them into using their power. That's a challenge that is always there. And we in Singapore have to manage to create a discipline within the force such that Singapore Police Force is highly regarded, is known as free of corruption. You will get instances here and there and they will get charged in court- that's human nature. But as a system, as a disciplined force, it's very highly regarded and I believe systems are in place to ensure this will continue to be so."

**Media:**

"You earlier mentioned that there would be challenges that would pop up, different facets that you would have to manage - could you elaborate and give egs."

**Minister:**

"Well, when you say challenges with the IRs - there can be challenges relating to for example, money-laundering, vice. So these are issues that have identified and we have put in place system that I think can deal with it."