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# National Gambling Statistics

Casinos, Bingo, Limited Pay-out Machines and Betting on Horse Racing and Sport  
offered by Bookmakers and Totalisators  
[Based on audited data]

2016/2017 Financial Year (FY17) [Quarters 1, 2, 3 & 4]  
**1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017**

Quarter 1 = 1 April 2016 – 30 June 2016

Quarter 2 = 1 July 2016 – 30 September 2016

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# Introduction

- The National Gambling Board (NGB) is mandated by the National Gambling Act (NGA), Act 7 of 2004, Section 65(2)(e) to monitor market conduct and market share.
- NGB monitors market conduct (number of gambling positions and outlets in the South African gambling sector) and also gathers and analyses national gambling statistics in terms of turnover (TO), Gross Gambling Revenue (GGR) and the collection of taxes/levies. The NGB website is updated with a detailed Power Point presentation annually, which is based on audited information representative of that financial year.
- The scope of this report covers audited information (national gambling statistics) related to the following legalised gambling modes in South Africa (as regulated by the NGB) for quarters 1, 2, 3 & 4 of the Financial Year (FY) 2017:
  - Casinos (tables and slots);
  - Betting on horse racing and sport (offered by bookmakers and totalisators, on and off course);
  - Limited Payout Machines (LPMs); and
  - Bingo (traditional and Electronic Bingo Terminals (EBTs)).

# Introduction

- Quarterly statistics are sourced from Provincial Licensing Authorities (PLAs).
- FY2017 information in this report is based on audited data.
- The information in this report is applicable to the period of 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 (referred to as FY2017), whereas quarters are representative of the following specific periods:
  - Quarter 1: 1 April 2016 – 30 June 2016;
  - Quarter 2: 1 July 2016 – 30 September 2016;
  - Quarter 3: 1 October 2016 – 31 December 2016; and
  - Quarter 4: 1 January 2017 – 31 March 2017.
- The purpose of this report is to provide an overview regarding the status and performance of the South African gambling sector (excluding the National Lottery) in terms of national gambling statistics pertaining to FY2017, as well as trends over time, based on audited data.

# Definitions

- **TO** = Turnover (the rand value of money wagered includes "recycling" which refers to amounts that are staked on more than one occasion)
- **GGR** = Gross Gambling Revenue (the rand value of the gross revenue of an operator i.e. turnover less winnings paid to players)
- **Tax** = Gambling tax (gambling tax levied and collected by Provincial Licensing Authorities)
- **RTP** = Return to Player is an average achieved over a significant number of game plays and not each time the gaming machine is played (Total amount returned to players / Total amount wagered by players x 100)

# Source of data

Statistics are based on provincial statistics and raw data received from all the Provincial Licensing Authorities quarterly:

- Eastern Cape Gambling and Betting Board
- Free State Gambling and Liquor Authority
- Gauteng Gambling Board
- KwaZulu-Natal Gaming and Betting Board
- Limpopo Gambling Board
- Mpumalanga Gambling Board
- Northern Cape Gambling Board
- North West Gambling Board
- Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

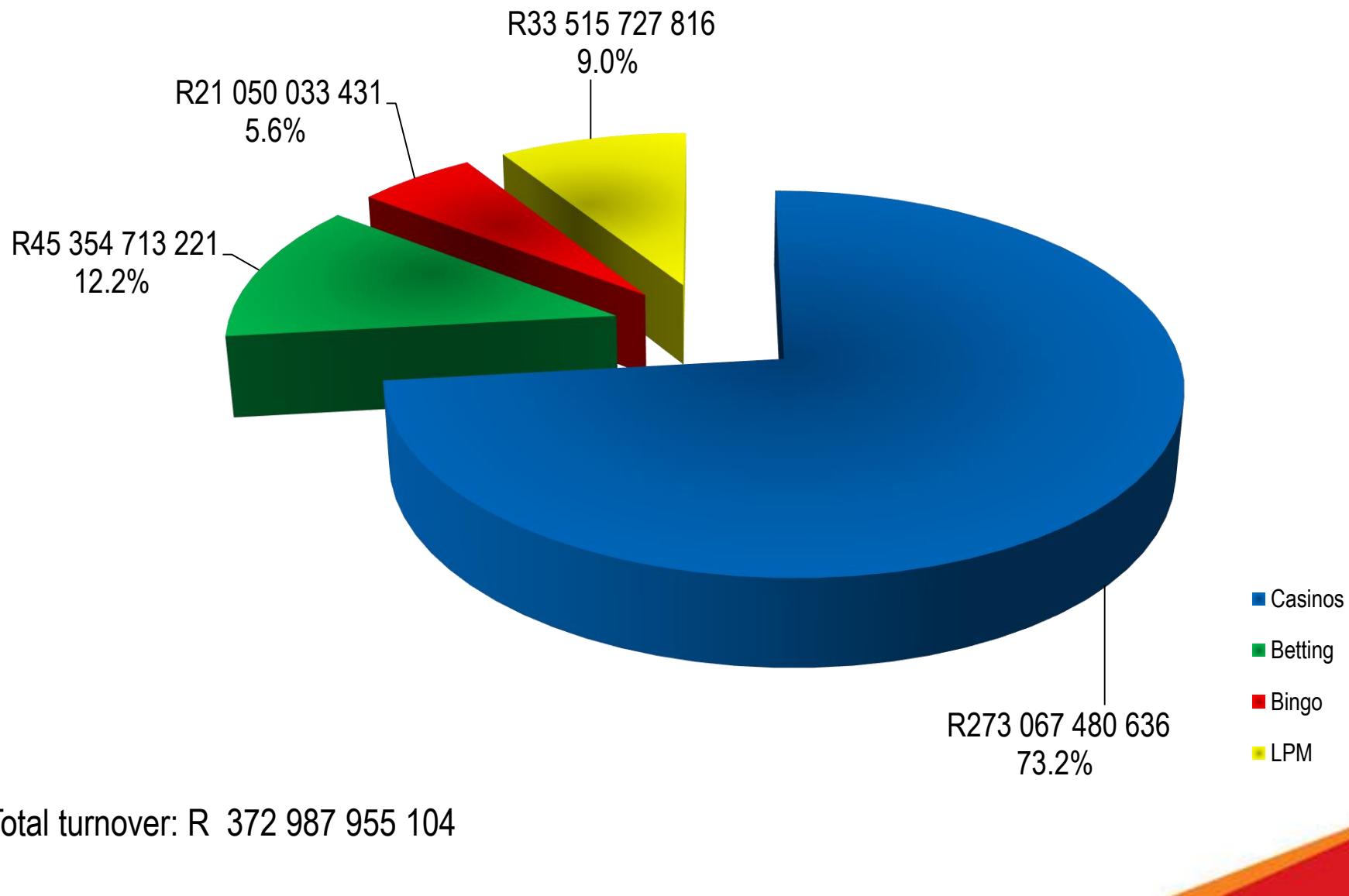
- ✓ GGR generated in the casino sector represented 66.4% of the total amount of GGR generated in FY2017 compared to the other legalised gambling sectors (betting on sport and horse racing, LPM & bingo). A 4.5% increase in GGR generated by the casino sector has been recorded for the period between FY2014 (R 16 497 594 915) to FY2015 (R 17 234 928 081), by 5.8% to FY2016 (R18 236 685 695), however, decreased by 1.8% to FY2017 (R 17 900 747 071) (*based on current prices*). The slight decrease in the generation of GGR from FY2016 to FY2017 can, amongst others, be attributed to the decrease of operational positions in Gauteng, Western Cape, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape, Eastern Cape and Free State.
- ✓ GGR generated in the betting on horse racing and sport sector represents 18.9% of the total amount of GGR generated in FY2017 compared to the other legalised gambling sectors (casino, LPM & bingo). Noticeable increases in GGR generated in the betting industry have been recorded i.e. an increase of 22.2% from FY2014 to FY2015, by 28.5% from FY2015 to FY2016, and by 14.3% from FY2016 to FY2017. This is mainly as a result of increases in the generation of GGR by bookmakers offering betting on sport. GGR generated by bookmakers offering betting on sport increased by 36.0% from FY2013 to FY2014, by 59.9% to FY2015, by 50.9% to FY2016, and by 22.0% to FY2017.
- ✓ GGR generated in the LPM sector represented 10.0% of the total amount of GGR generated by all licensed gambling modes in FY2017. Significant increases in GGR generated have been recorded in the LPM industry - by 19.6% from R1 738 648 662 in FY2014 to R 2 079 338 389 in FY2015, by 13.7% from FY2015 to FY2016 (R 2 363 501 788) and by 14.1% to R2 696 846 443 in FY2017. The increase in GGR can be attributed to the increase of active LPMs in all provinces.

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (continued ....)

- ✓ GGR generated in the bingo sector represents 4.7% of the total amount of GGR generated by all licensed gambling modes during FY2017. GGR increased by 67.7% from R 436 770 125 in FY2013 to R 732 321 861 in FY2014 mainly as a result of the roll-out of bingo in North West and Eastern Cape provinces during FY2014. An increase by 52.5% was recorded in the generation of GGR from FY2014 to FY2015 (R1 116 673 081) mainly as a result of the roll-out of bingo in KwaZulu-Natal. By comparison, a decrease of 16.1% in GGR generated in the bingo industry was recorded from FY2015 to FY2016 (R 936 166 348). This is mainly as a result of less GGR generated in Gauteng during FY2016 compared to FY2015. In contrast, an increase by 36.6% was recorded in the generation of GGR from FY2016 to FY2017 (R 1 278 664 383). The increase in operational bingo positions in North West and Eastern Cape may be linked to the high increase in GGR.
- ✓ Overall, GGR increased by 9.6% from R21,8 billion in FY2014 to R 23,9 billion in FY2015, by 8.8% to R26,0 billion in FY2016, and by 3.8% to R27,0 billion in FY2017. A total amount of R 26 961 888 560 in GGR was generated during FY2017. During FY2017 casinos accounted for the highest GGR generated, being 66.4% as compared to other gambling modes. Compared to all other provinces, Gauteng at a 41.1% share, accounted for the highest amount of GGR generated.
- ✓ In general, the collection of taxes/levies increased by 10.7% from R2,2 billion to R2,5 billion in FY2015, by 11.9% to R2,8 billion in FY2016, however decreased by 1,0% to R2,7 billion in FY2017. A total amount of R 2 743 112 930 in taxes/levies was collected during FY2017. During FY2017, at 66.5%, casinos contributed the highest amount of taxes/levies paid by comparison with other gambling modes. At 36.6 Gauteng accounted for the highest amount of taxes/levies paid compared to all other provinces.

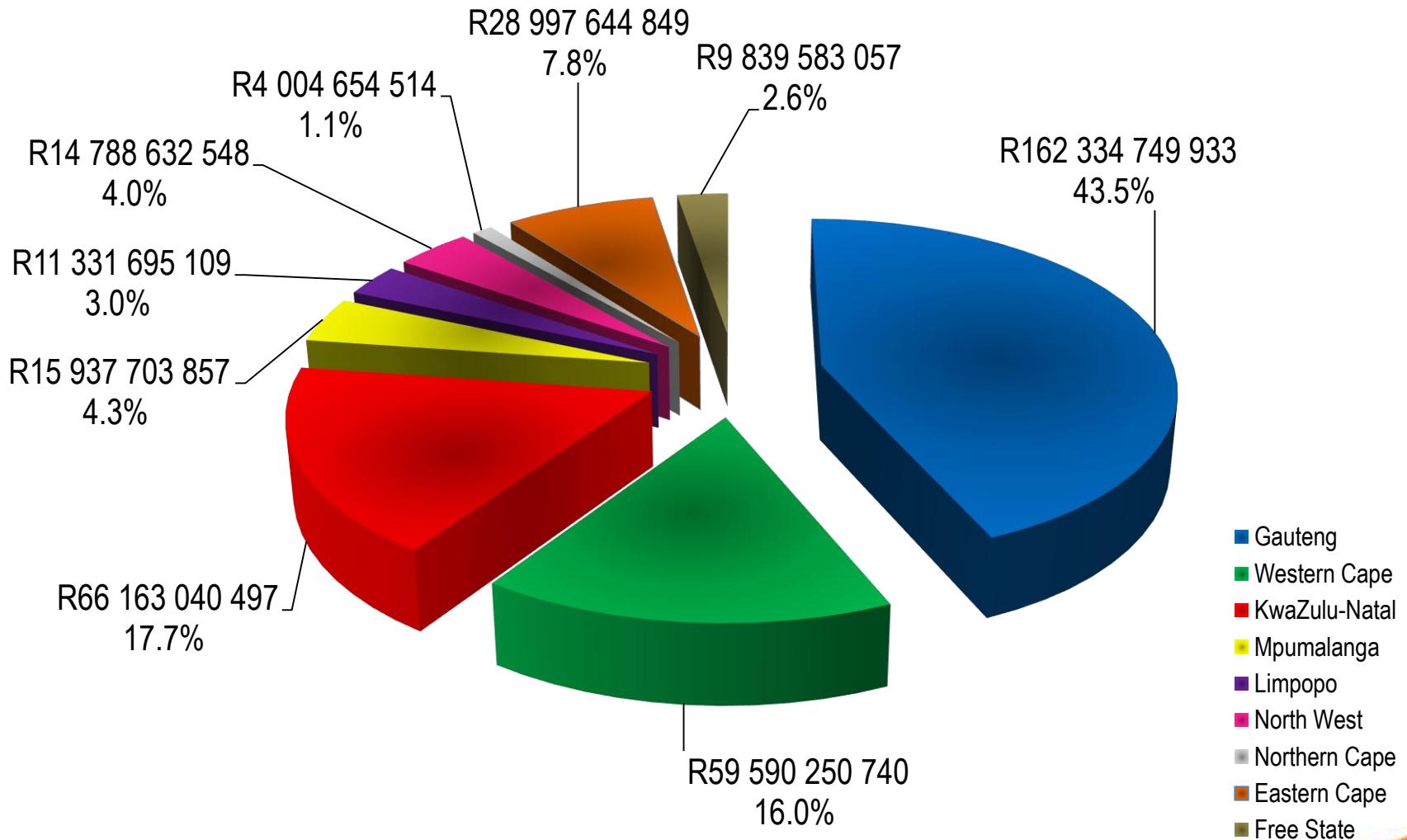
# Turnover per gambling mode – FY2017

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# Turnover per province – FY2017

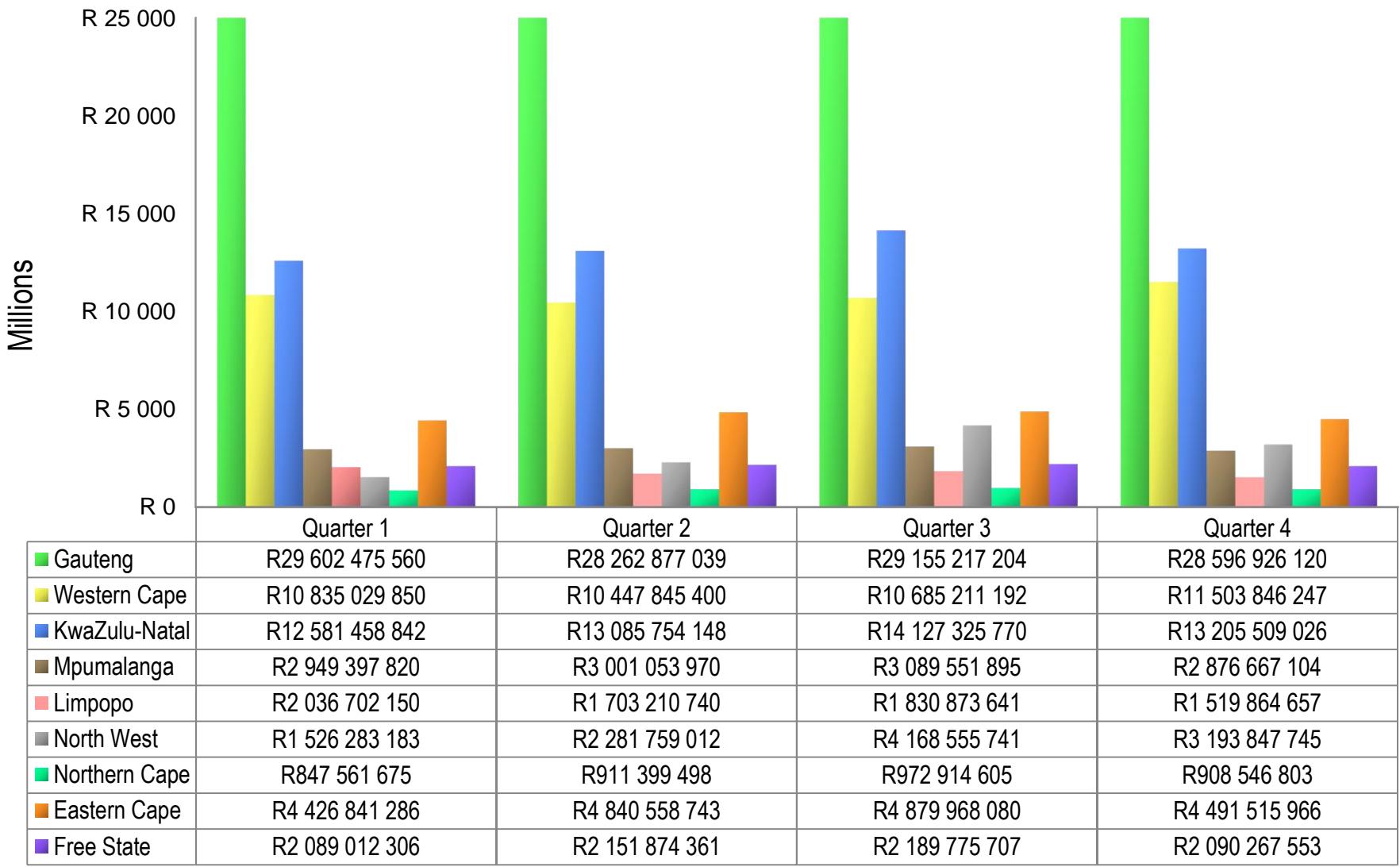
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Total turnover: R 372 987 955 104

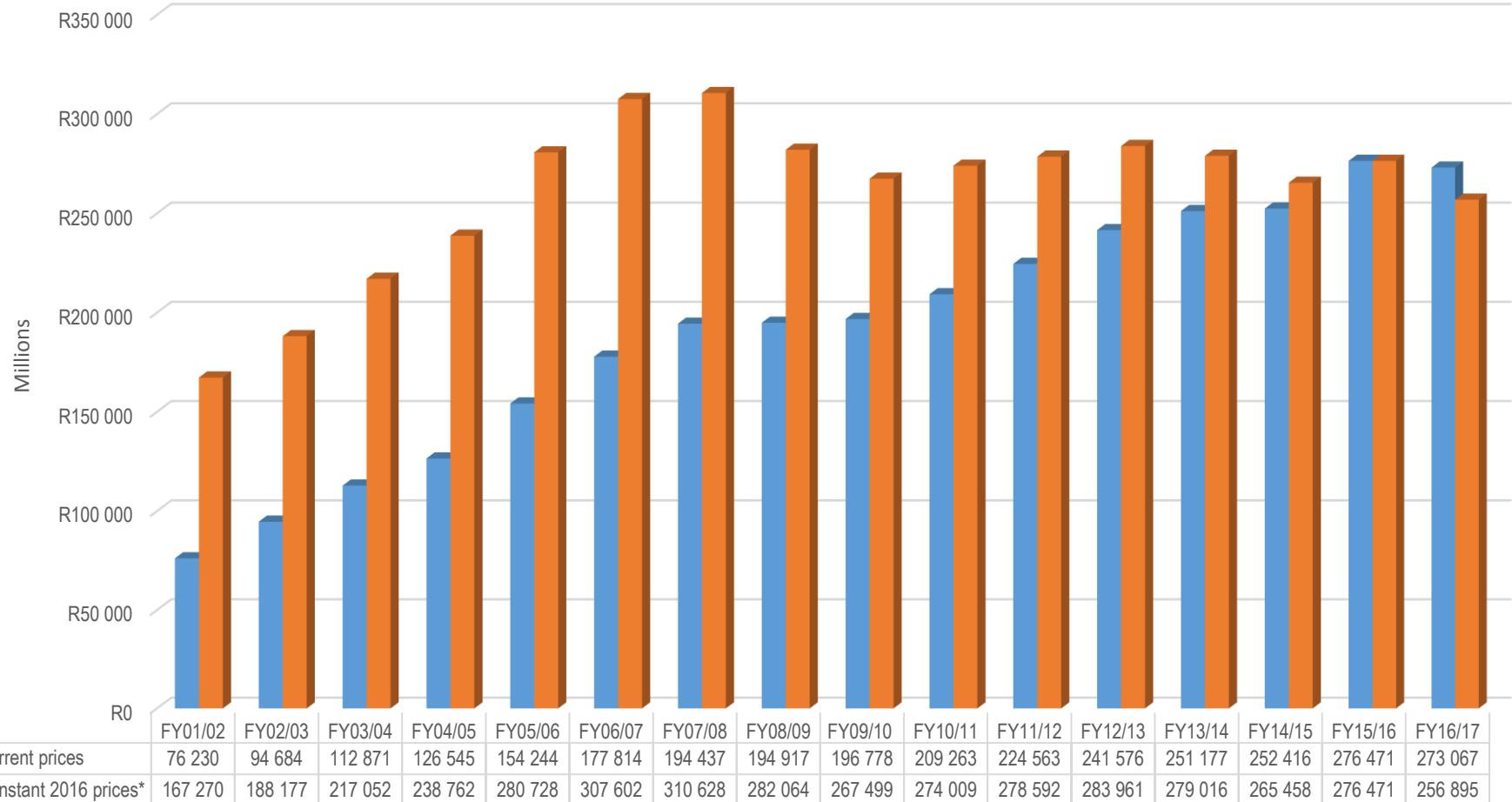
# Quarterly casino turnover - FY2017

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# Trend in turnover casinos – FY2001/02 to FY2016/17

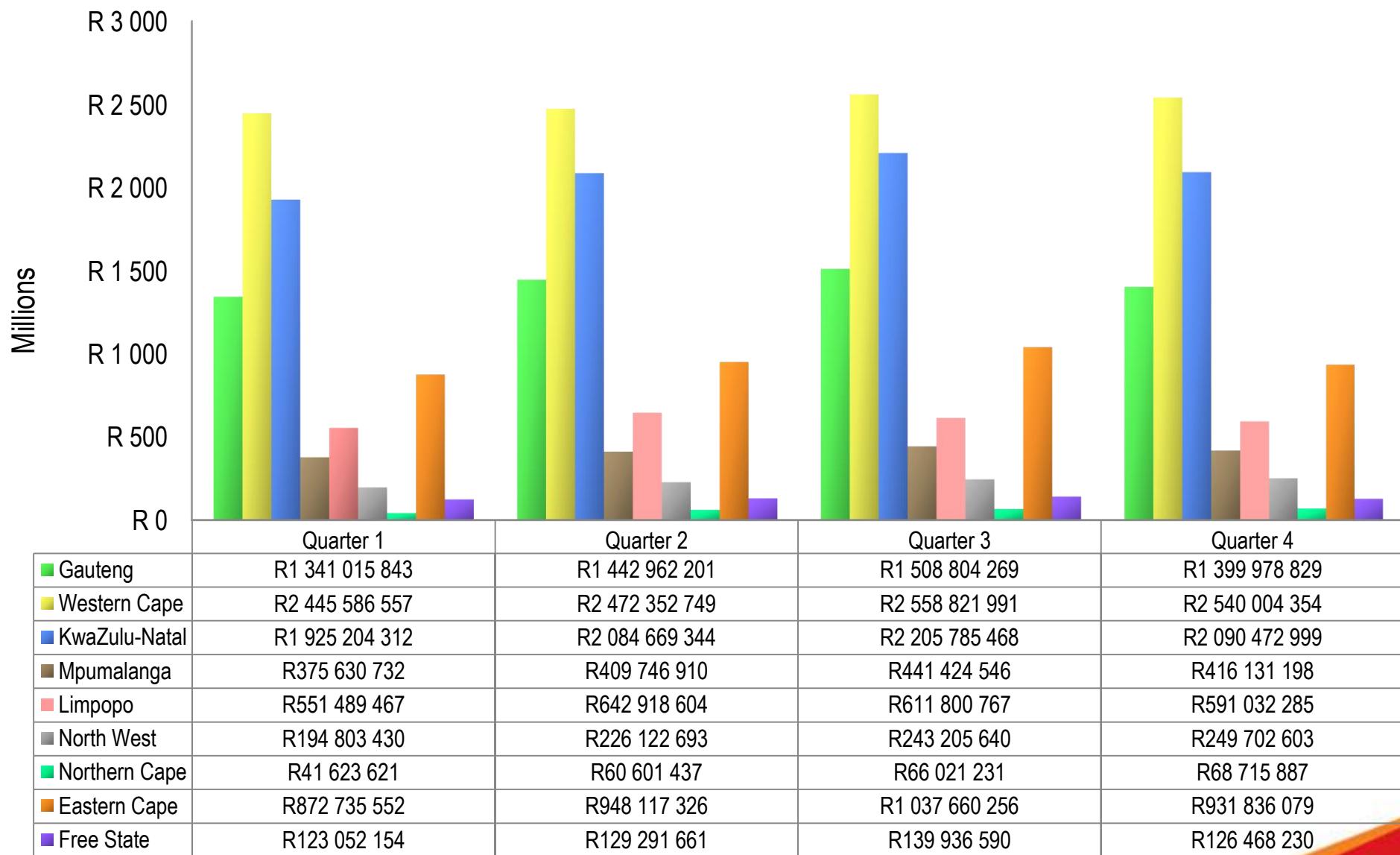
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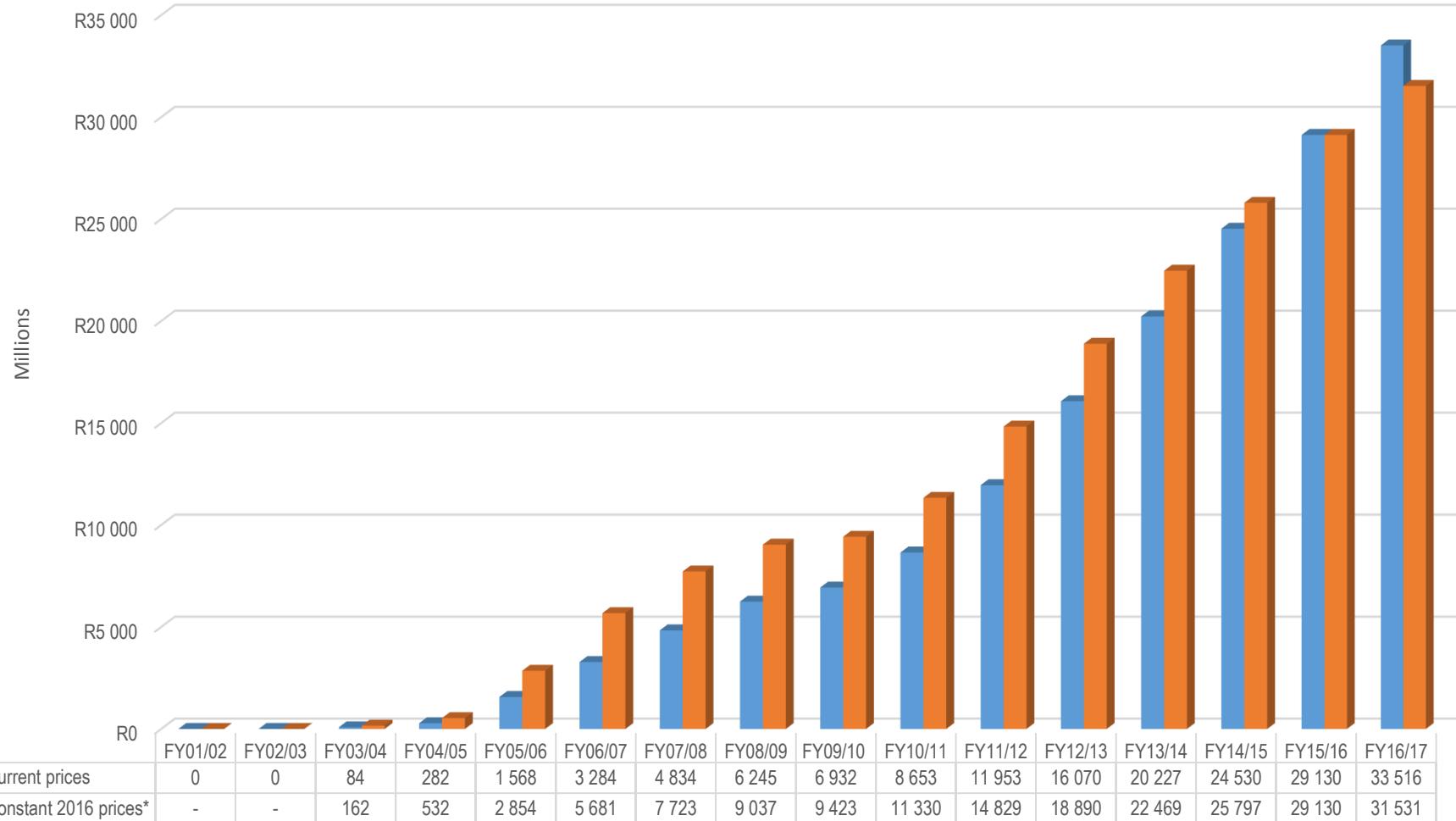
# Quarterly LPM turnover - FY2017

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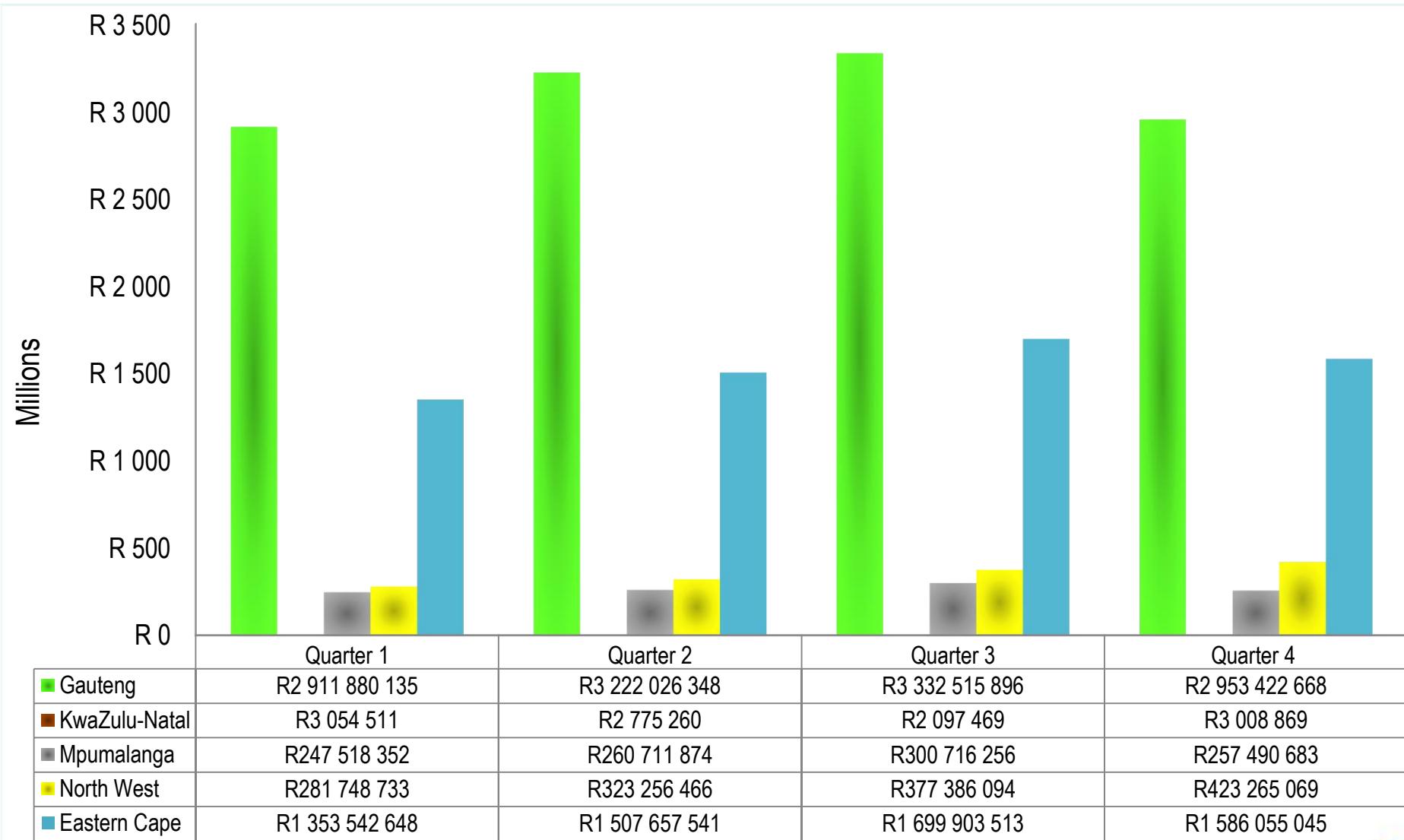
# Trend in turnover LPMs – FY2001/02 to FY2016/17

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# Quarterly bingo turnover - FY2017\*

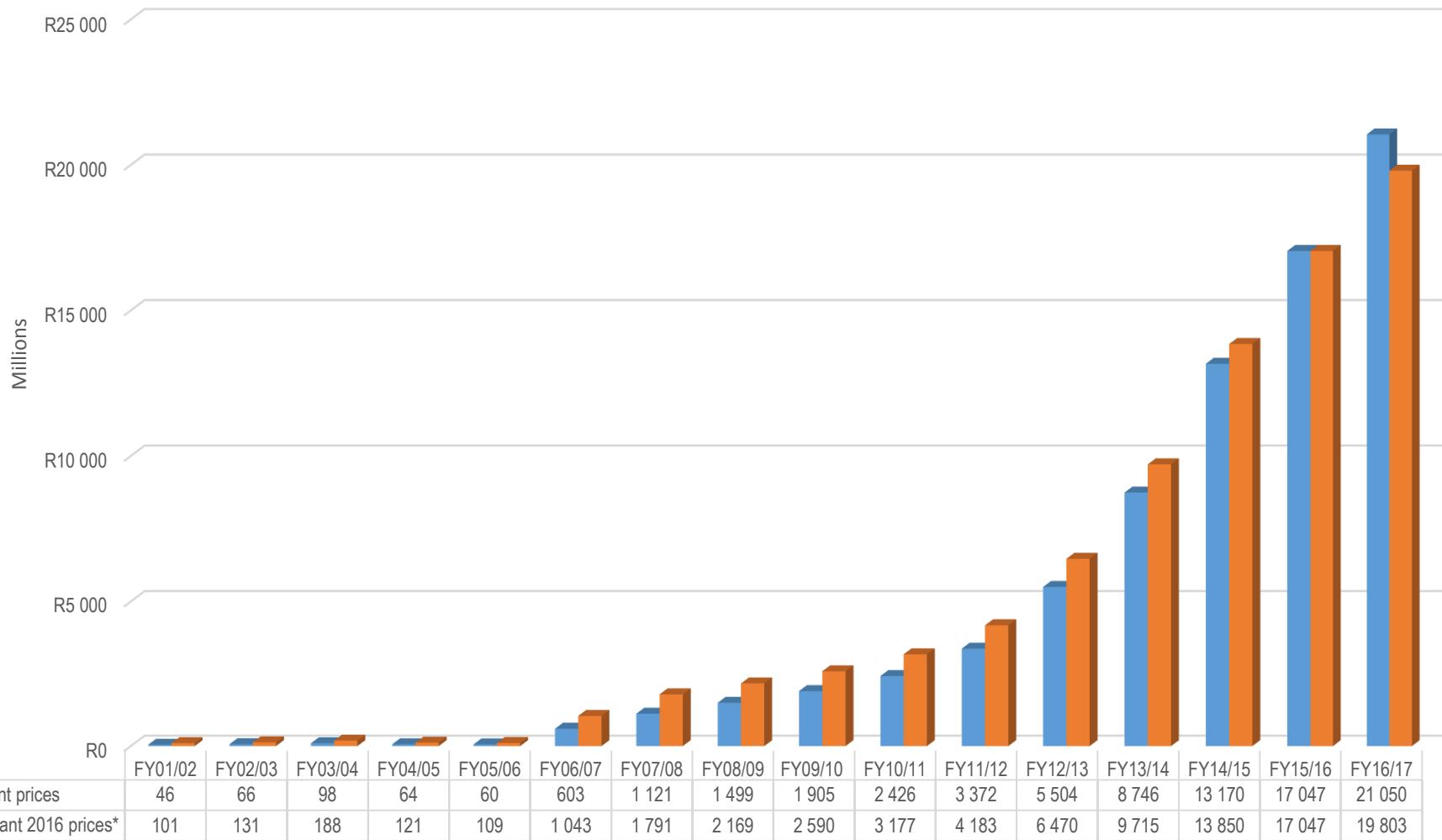
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# Trend in turnover bingo – FY2001/02 to FY2016/17

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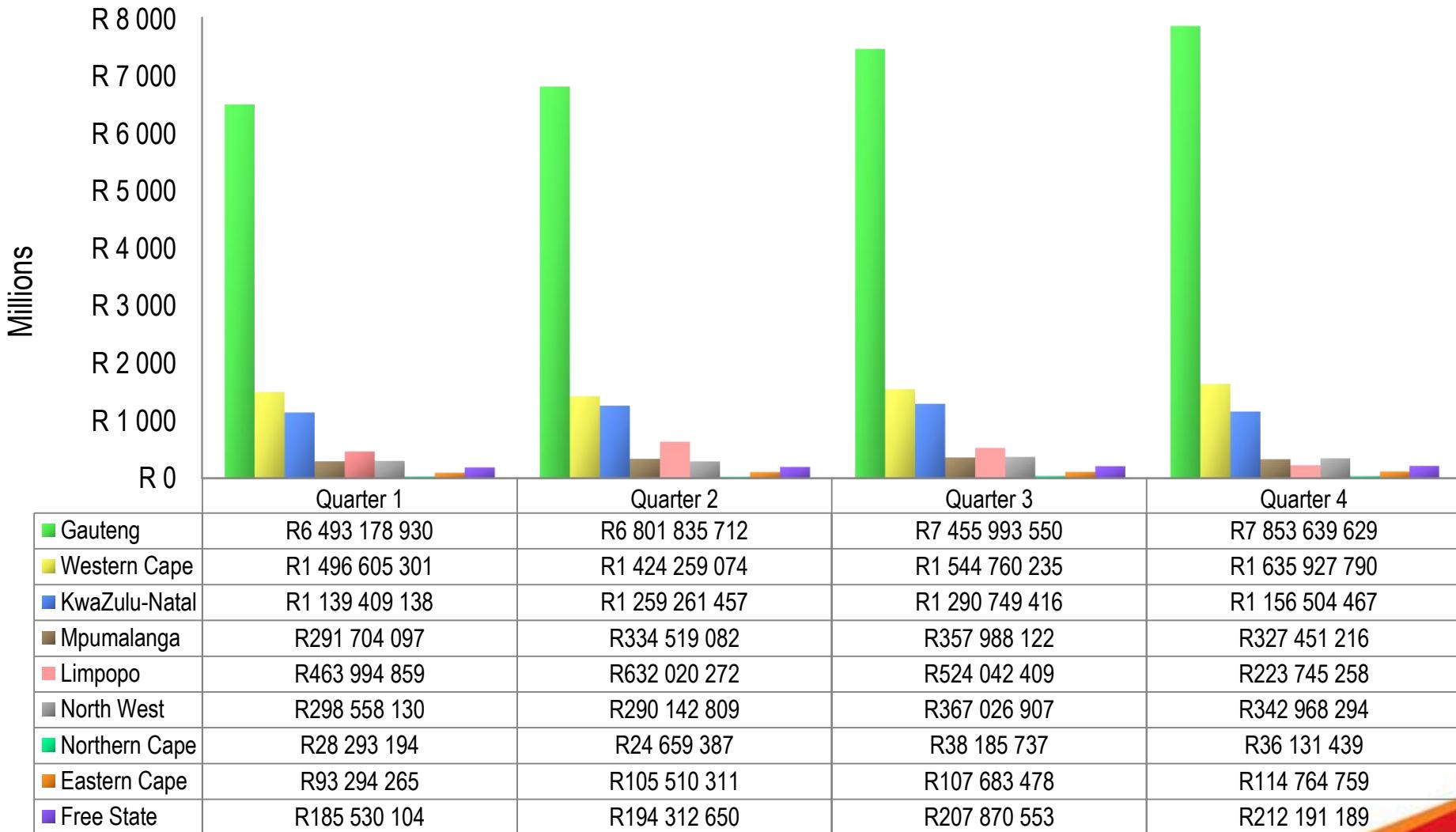
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# Quarterly betting turnover – FY2017

## Bookmakers & Totalisators

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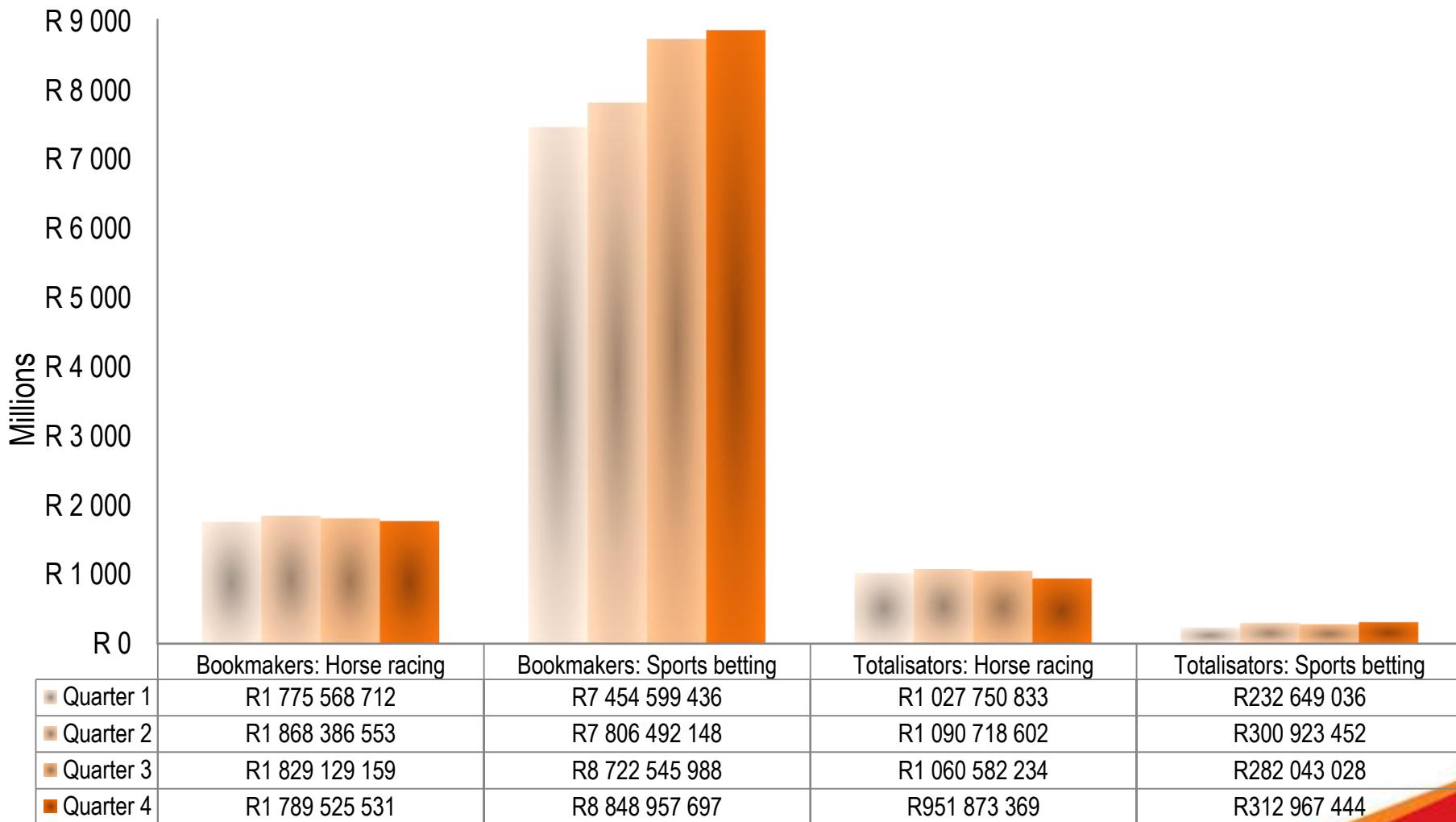


# Quarterly betting turnover – FY2017

## Split between Bookmakers & Totalisators

### Betting on horse racing & sport

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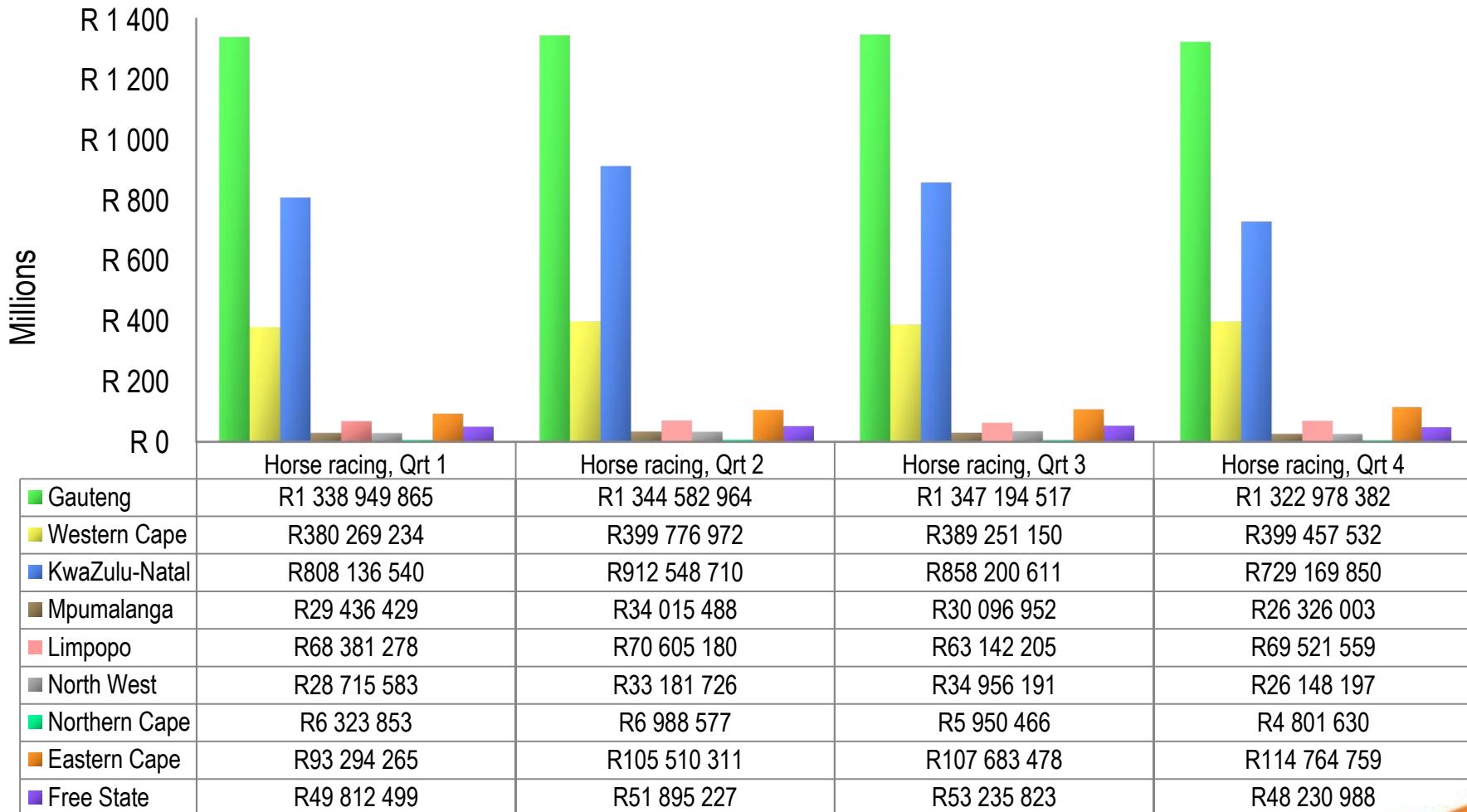


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# Quarterly betting turnover – FY2017

## Betting on horse racing\*

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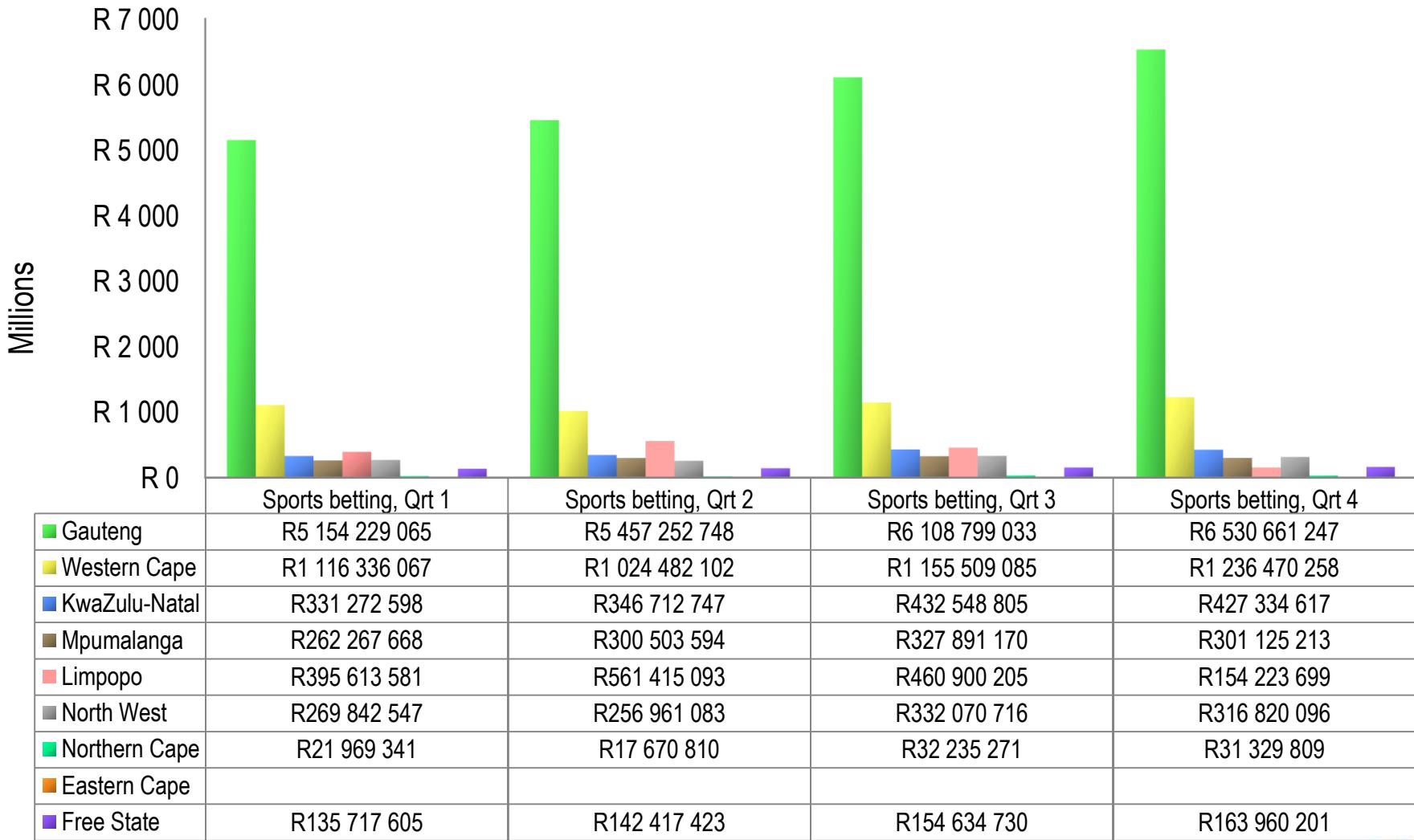


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# Quarterly betting turnover – FY2017

## Betting on sport\*

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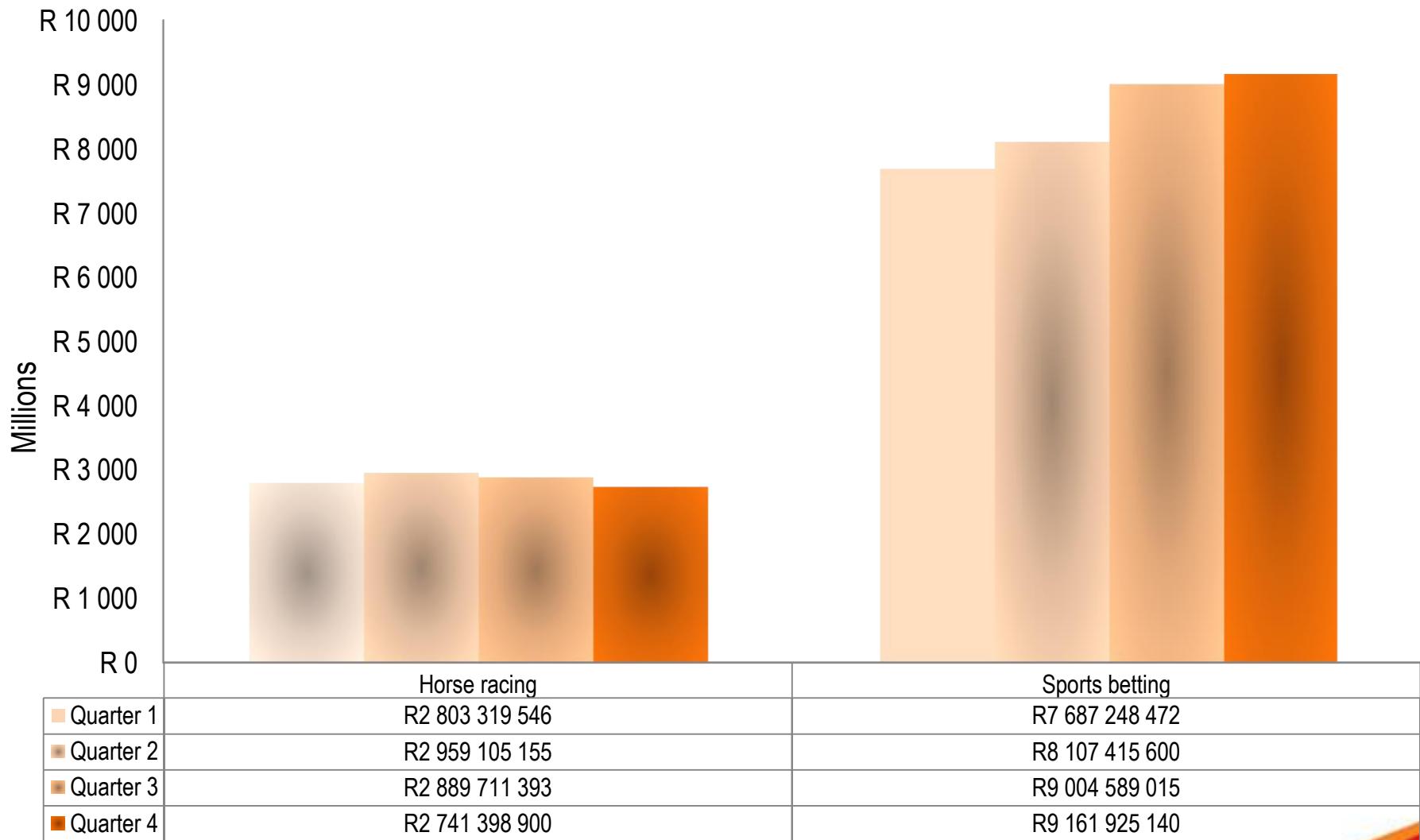


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# Quarterly betting turnover – FY2017

## Split between betting on horse racing & sport

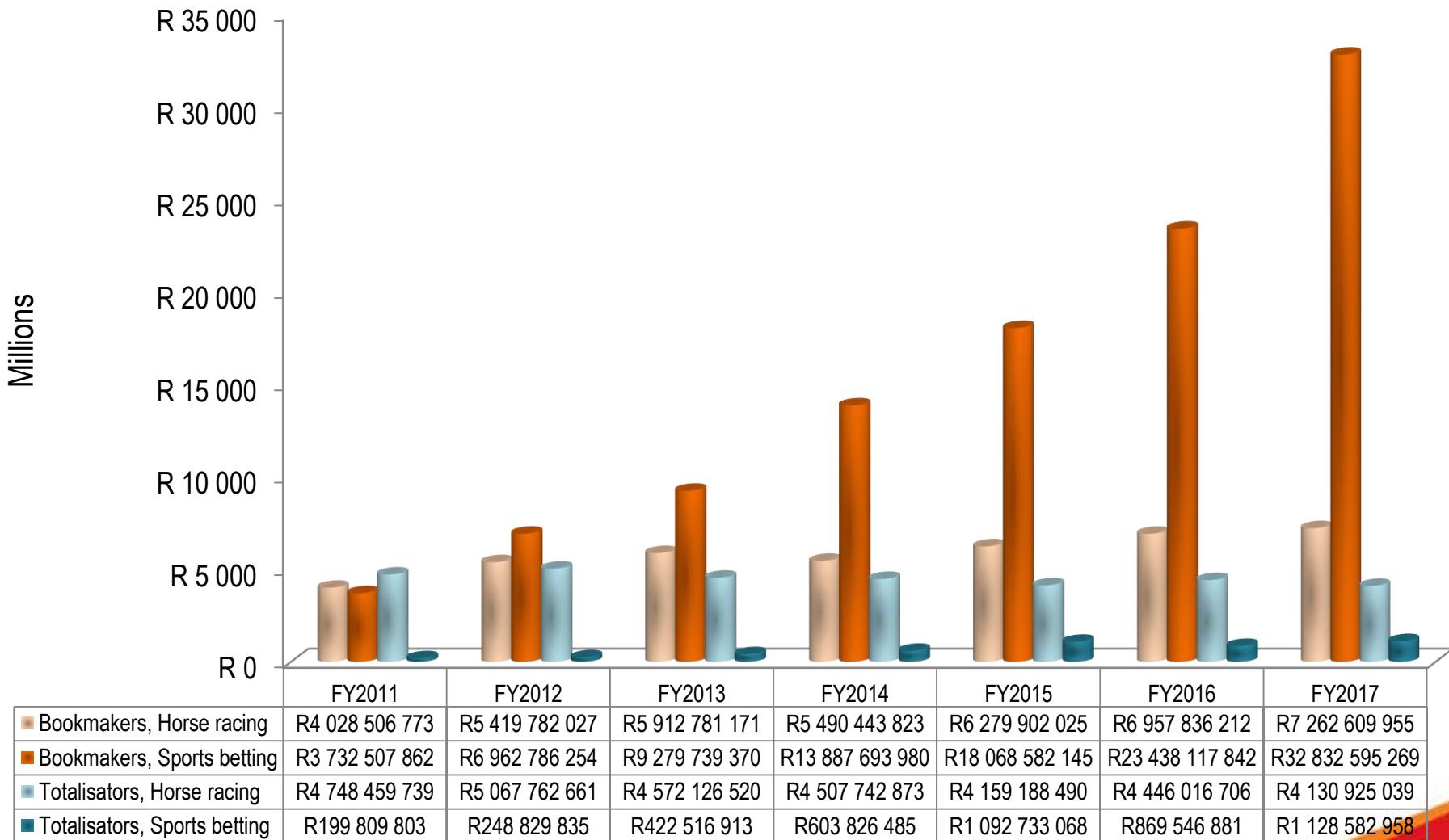
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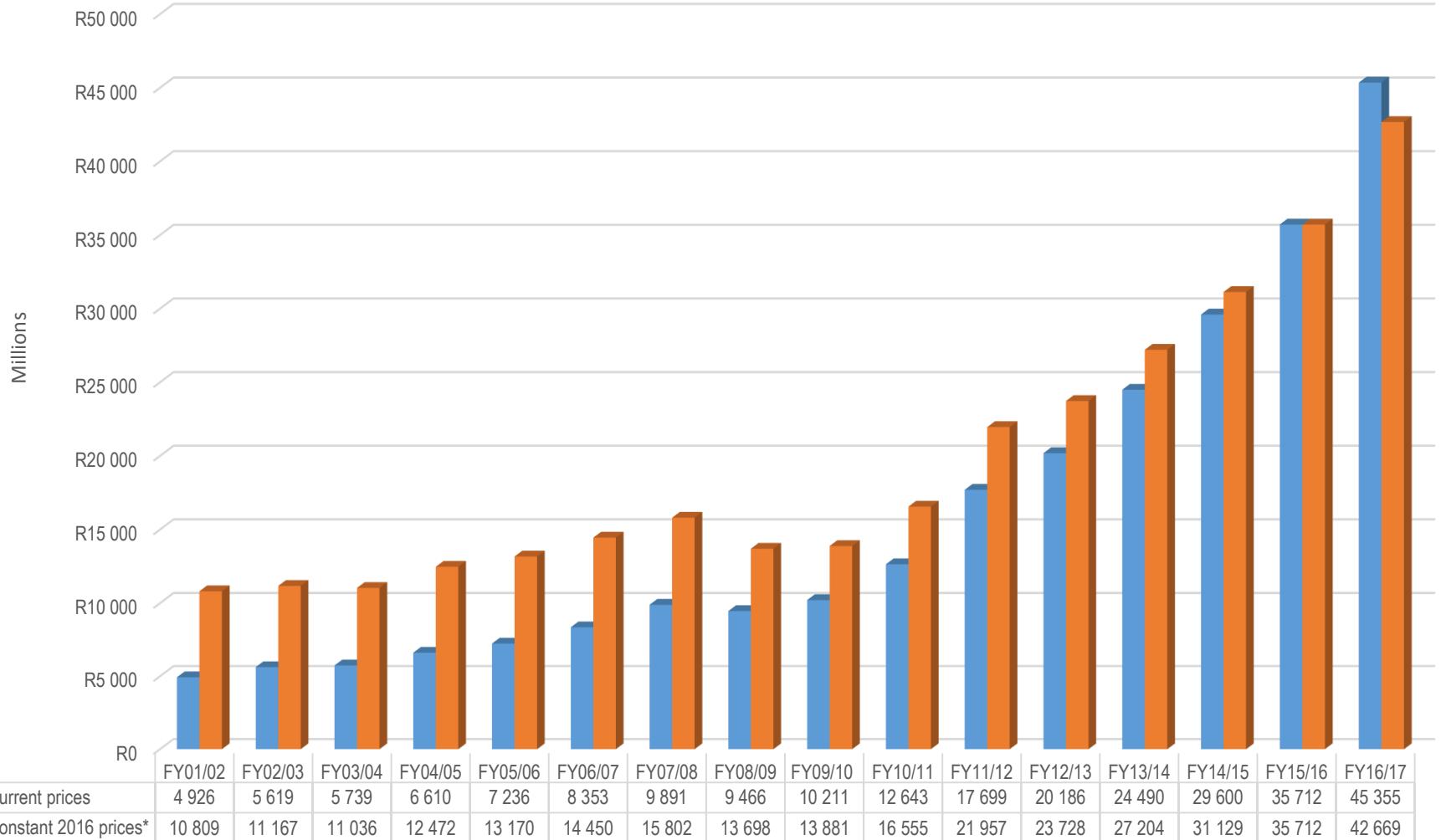
# Trend in turnover, bookmakers & totalisators, FY2011 to FY2017

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# Trend in turnover, betting – FY2001/02 to FY2016/17

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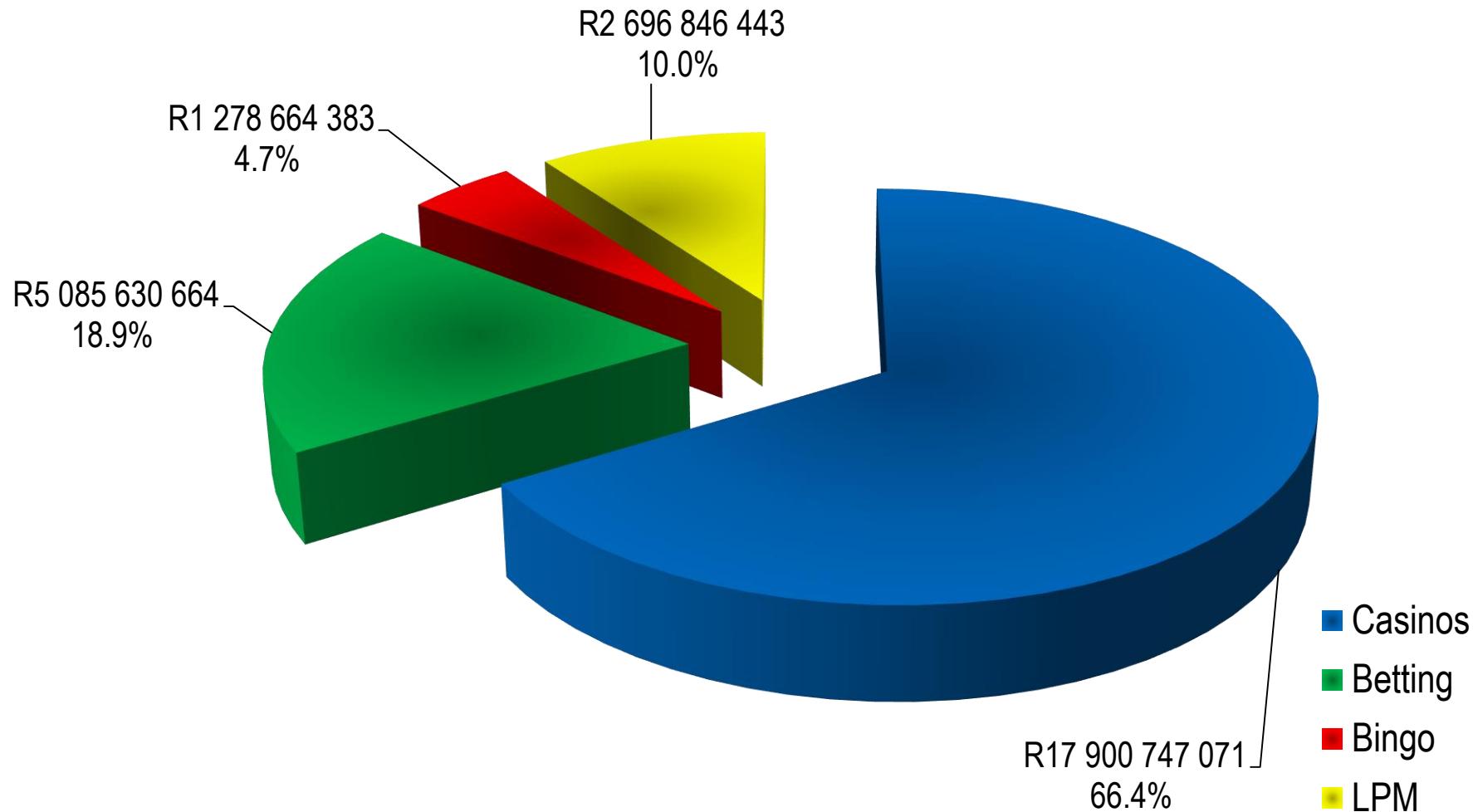


# Summary : Turnover

- A total amount of R 372 987 955 104 was wagered in FY2017.
- Casinos accounted for the highest TO at 73.2% by comparison with all other gambling modes in FY2017.
- Gauteng accounted for the highest amount of TO in respect of all gambling modes, the total percentage being 43.5% as compared to other provinces in FY2017.
- Although Gauteng represented the highest amount of turnover relative to casinos (42.3%), betting on horse racing and sport (63.1%), and bingo (59.0%), the highest amount of money in the LPM sector was wagered in Western Cape (29.9%) in FY2017.

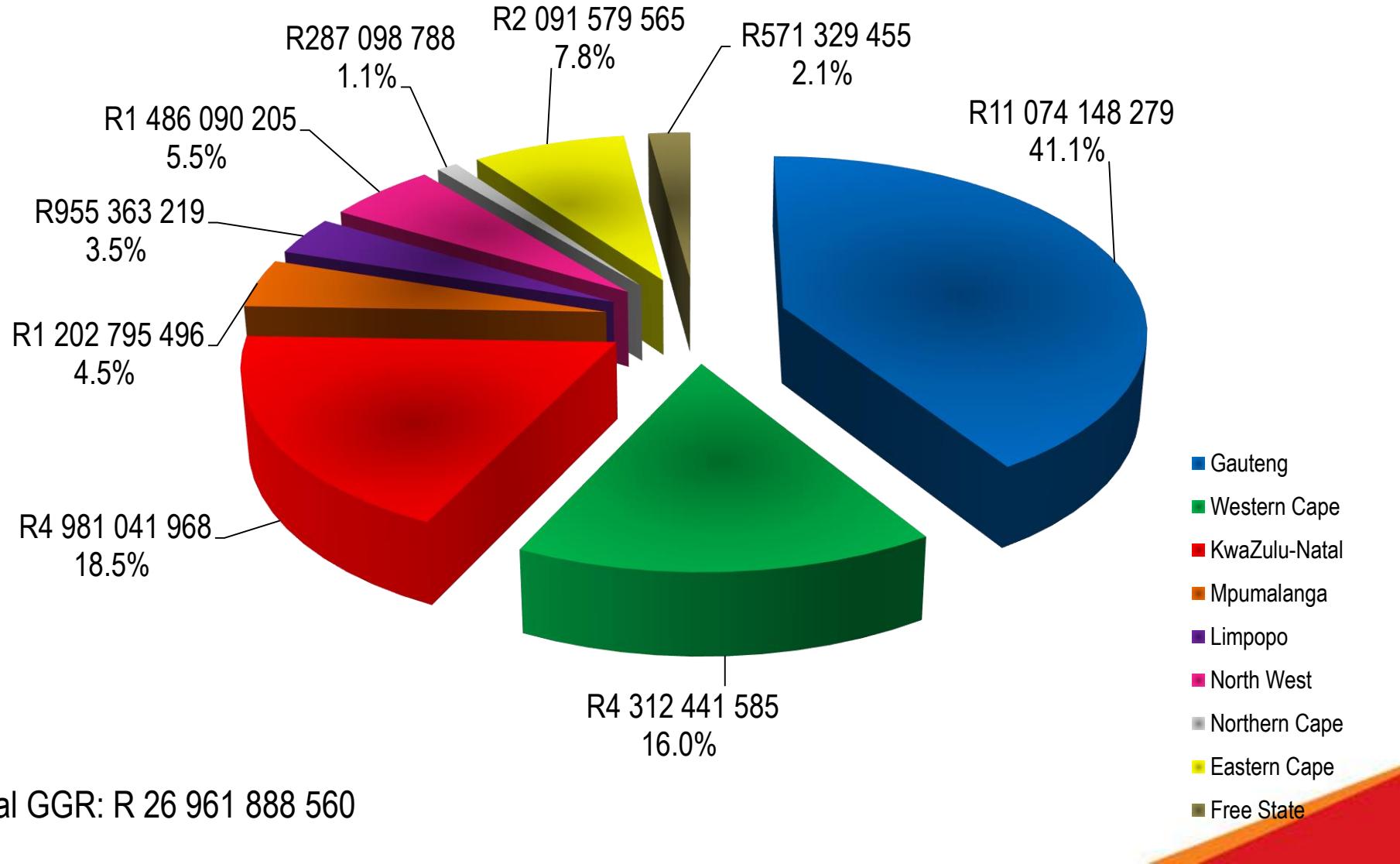
# GGR per gambling mode – FY2017

Rand value of the gross revenue of an operator



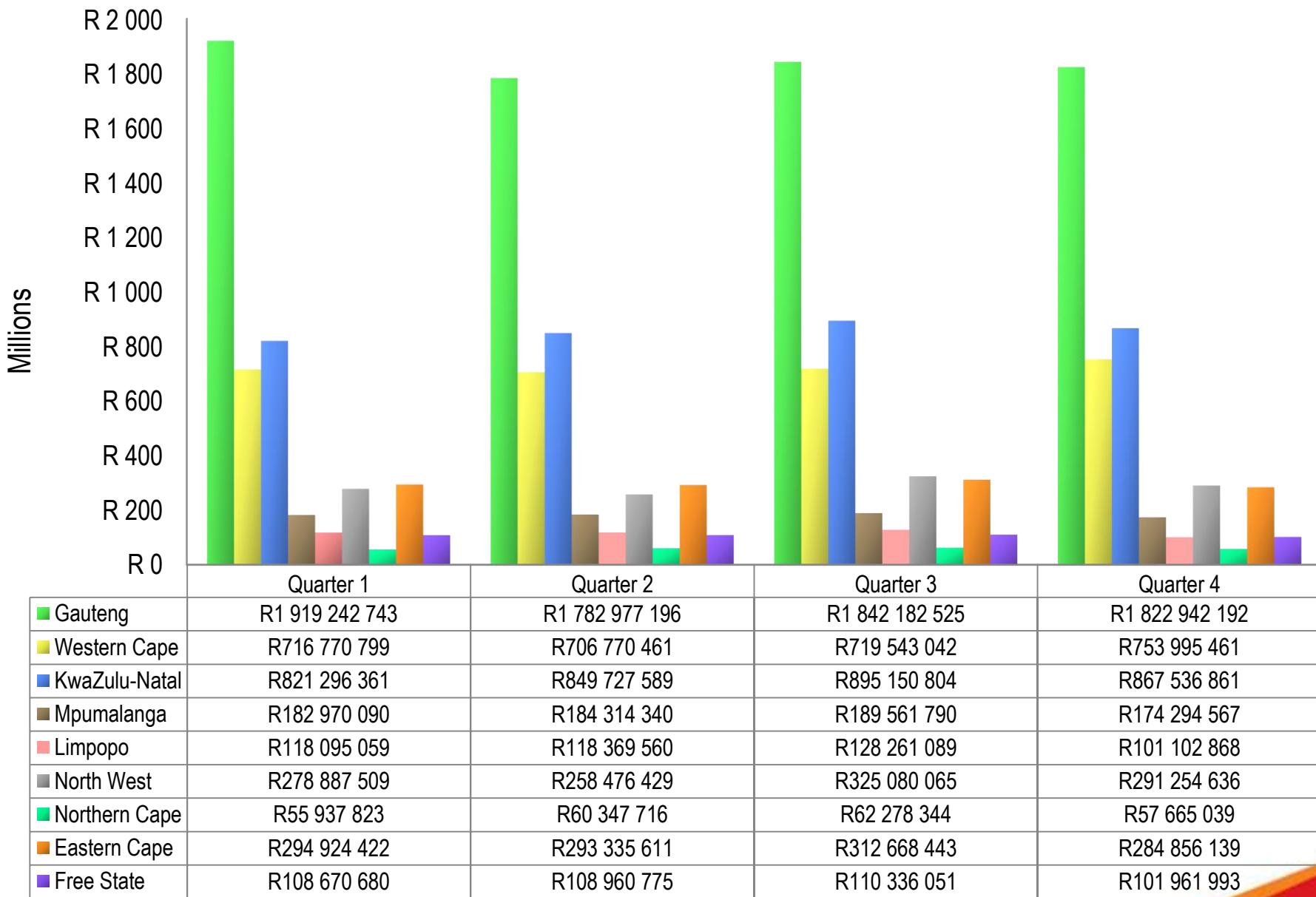
# GGR per province - FY2017

Rand value of the gross revenue of an operator



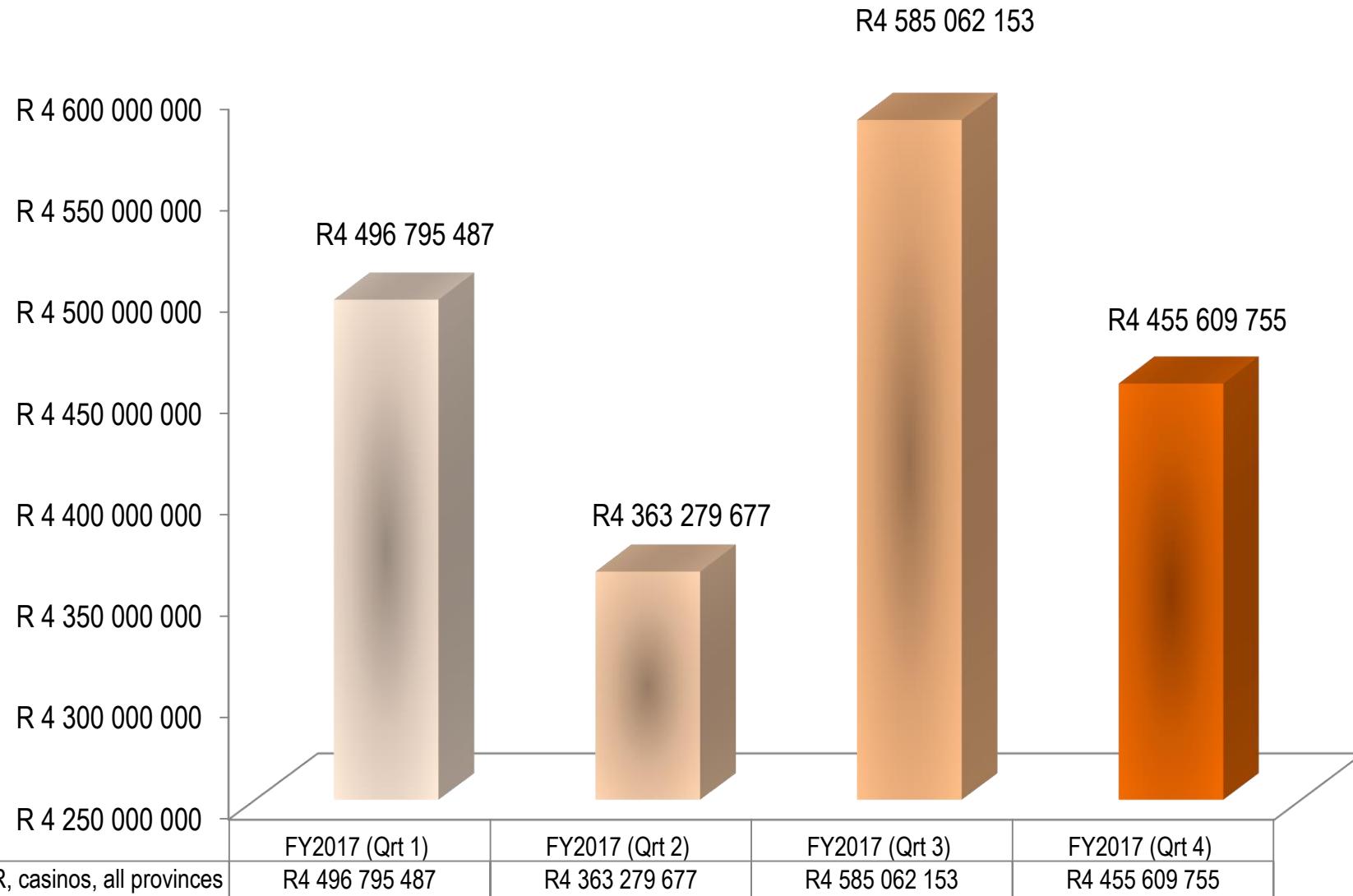
# Quarterly casino GGR - FY2017

Rand value of the gross revenue of an operator



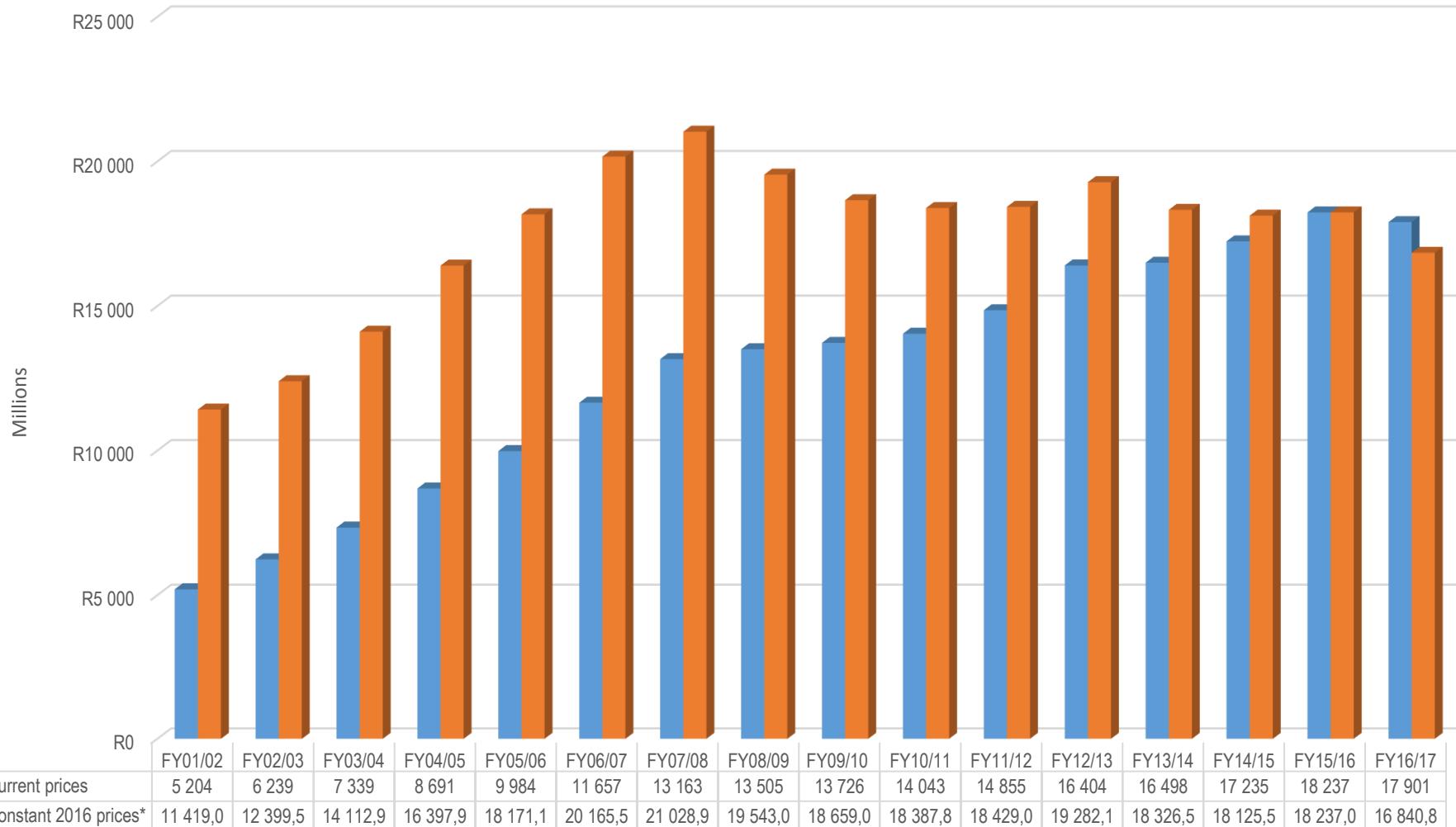
# Trend in GGR casinos – FY2017

Rand value of the gross revenue of an operator



# Trend in GGR casinos – FY2001/02 to FY2016/17

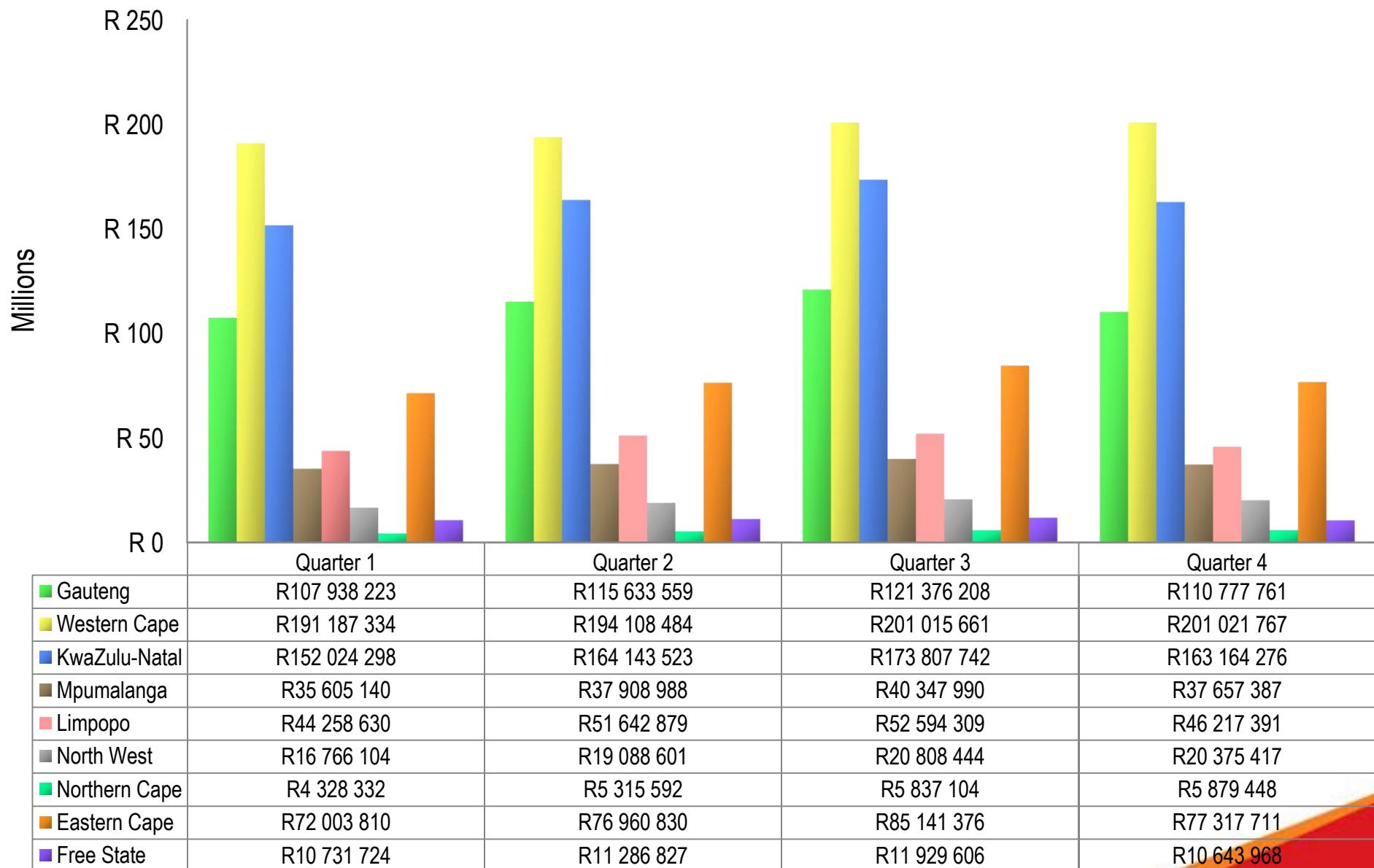
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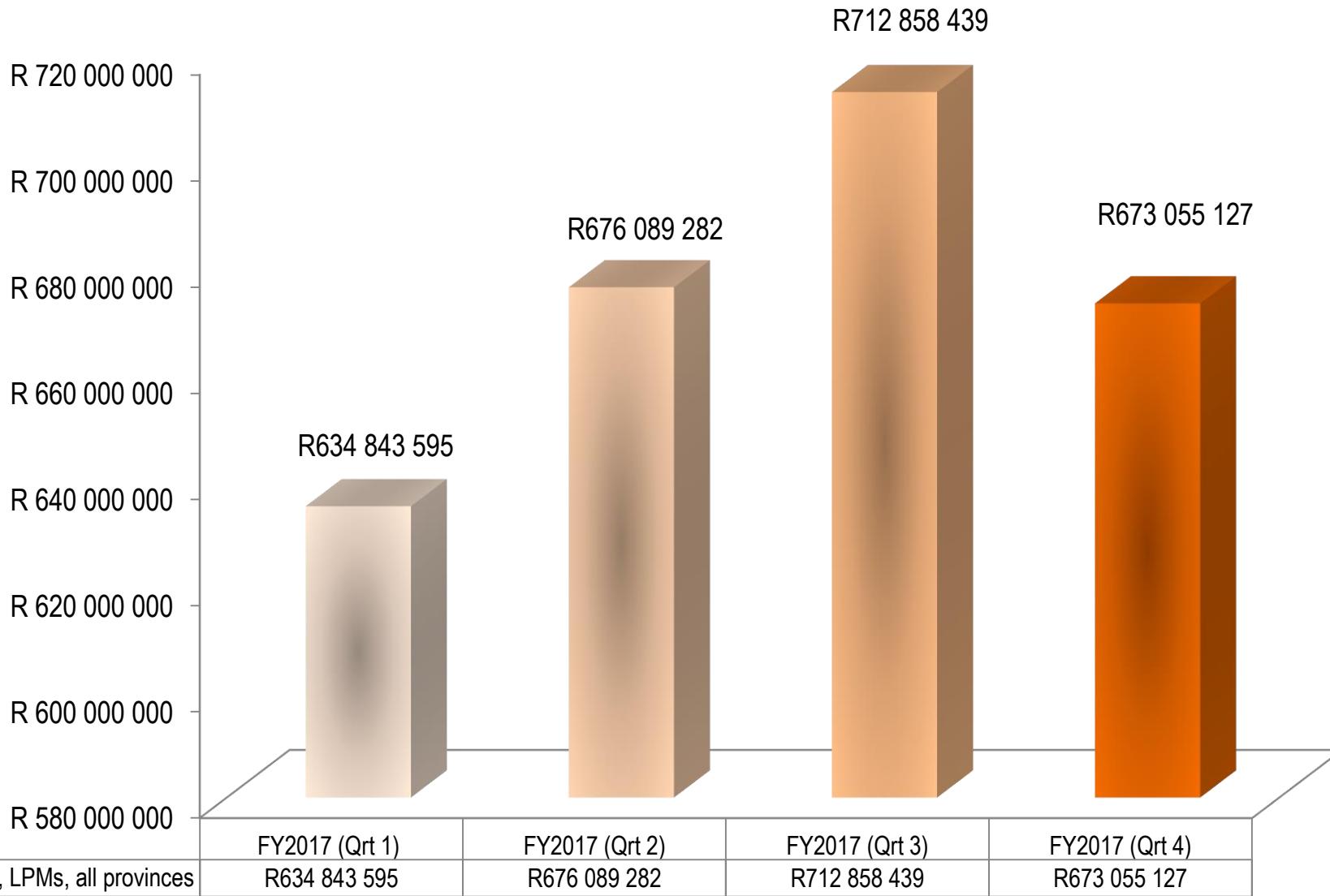
# Quarterly LPM GGR - FY2017

Rand value of the gross revenue of an operator



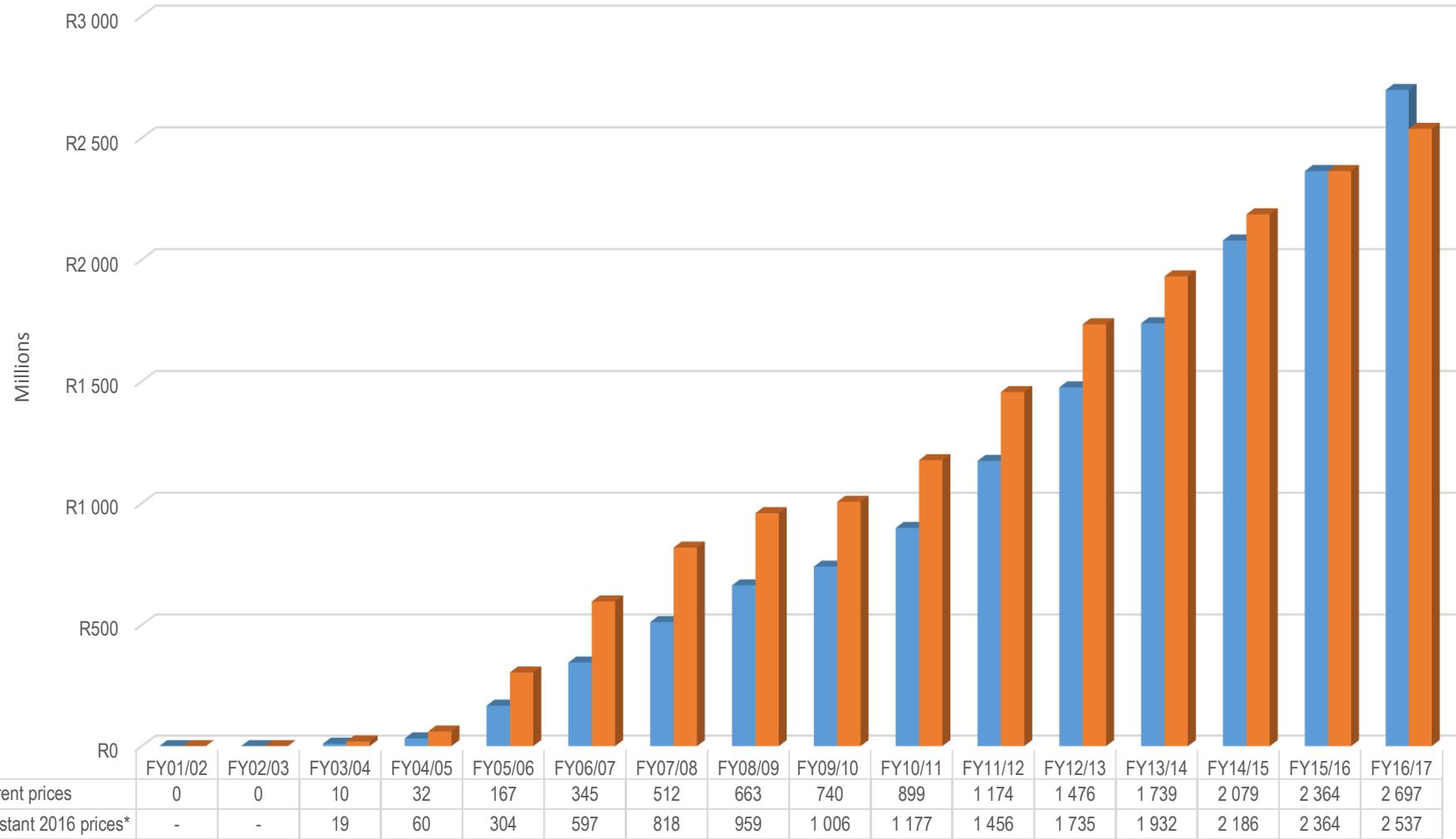
# Trend in GGR LPMs – FY2017

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# Trend in GGR LPMs – FY2001/02 to FY2016/17

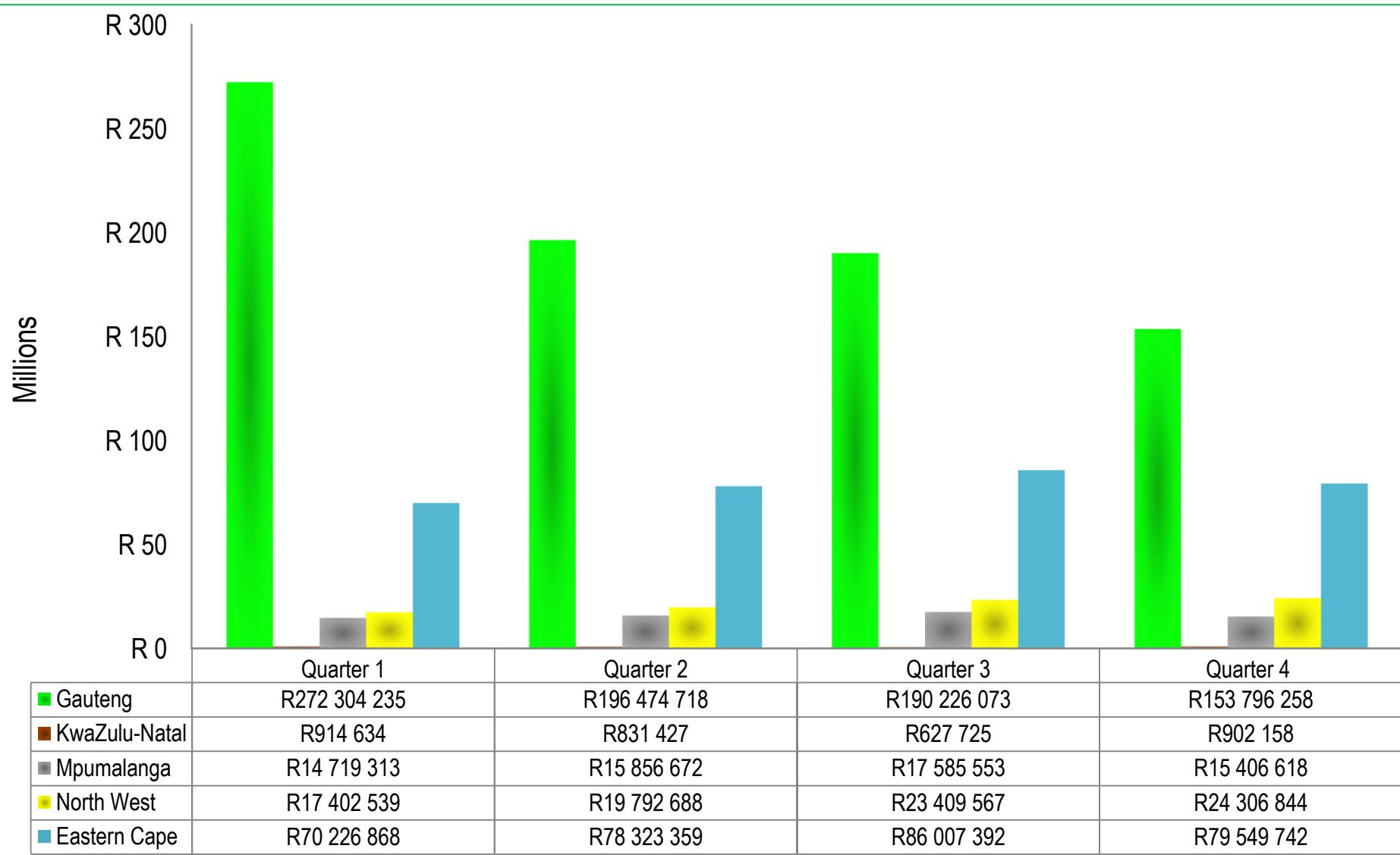
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# Quarterly bingo GGR - FY2017\*

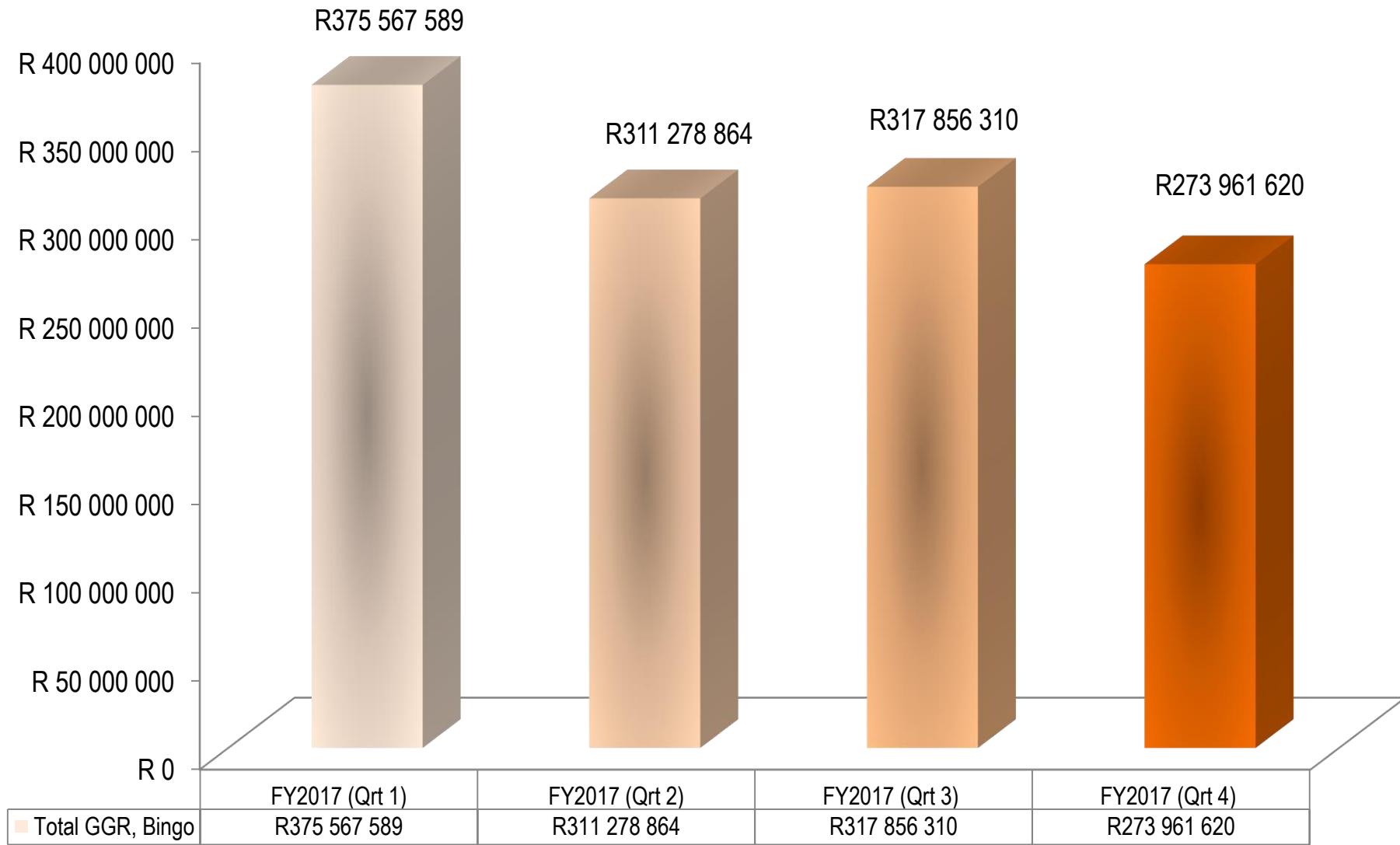
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# Trend in GGR Bingo – FY2017\*

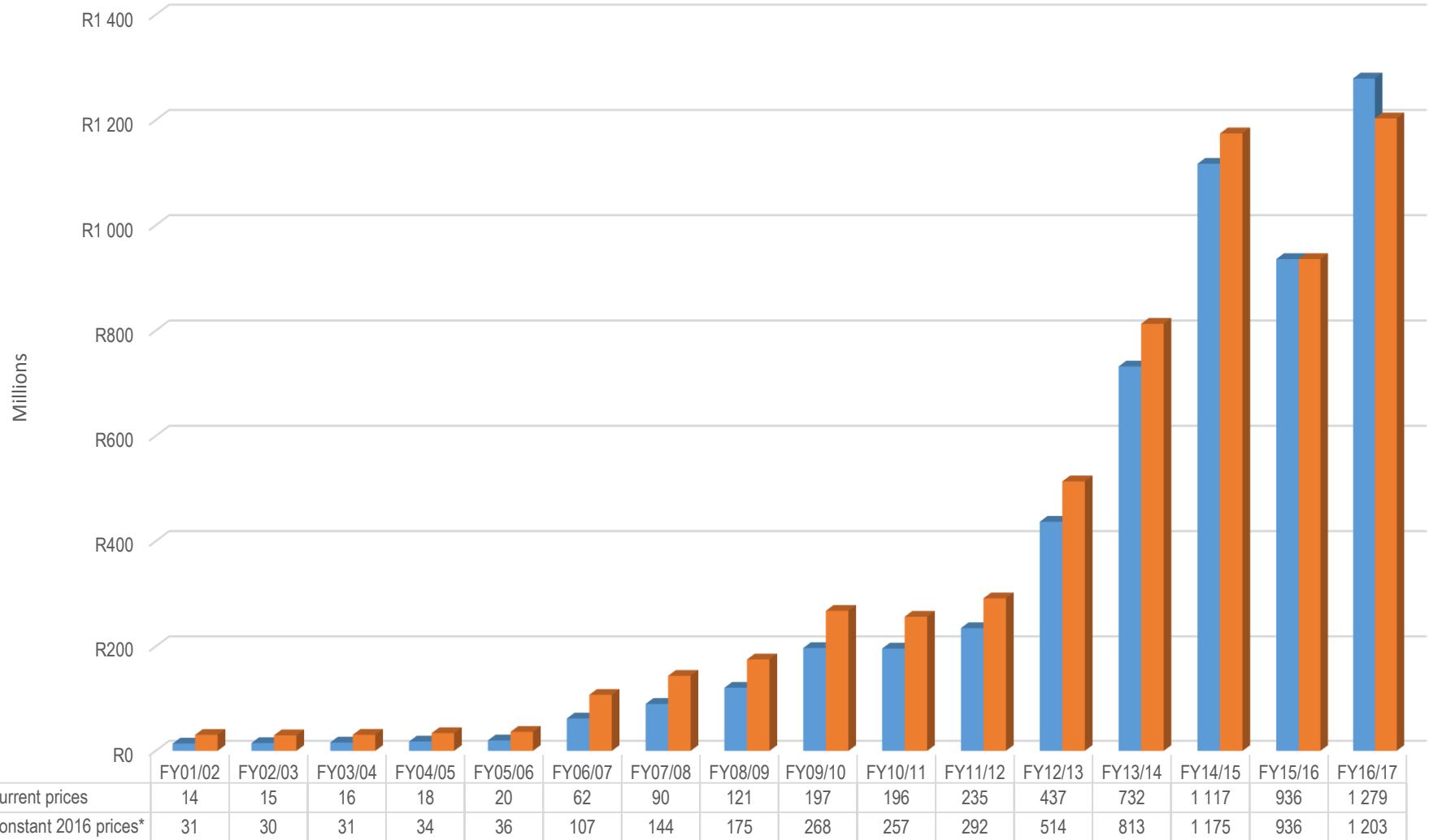
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# Trend in GGR bingo – FY2001/02 to FY2016/17

Rand value of the gross revenue of an operator



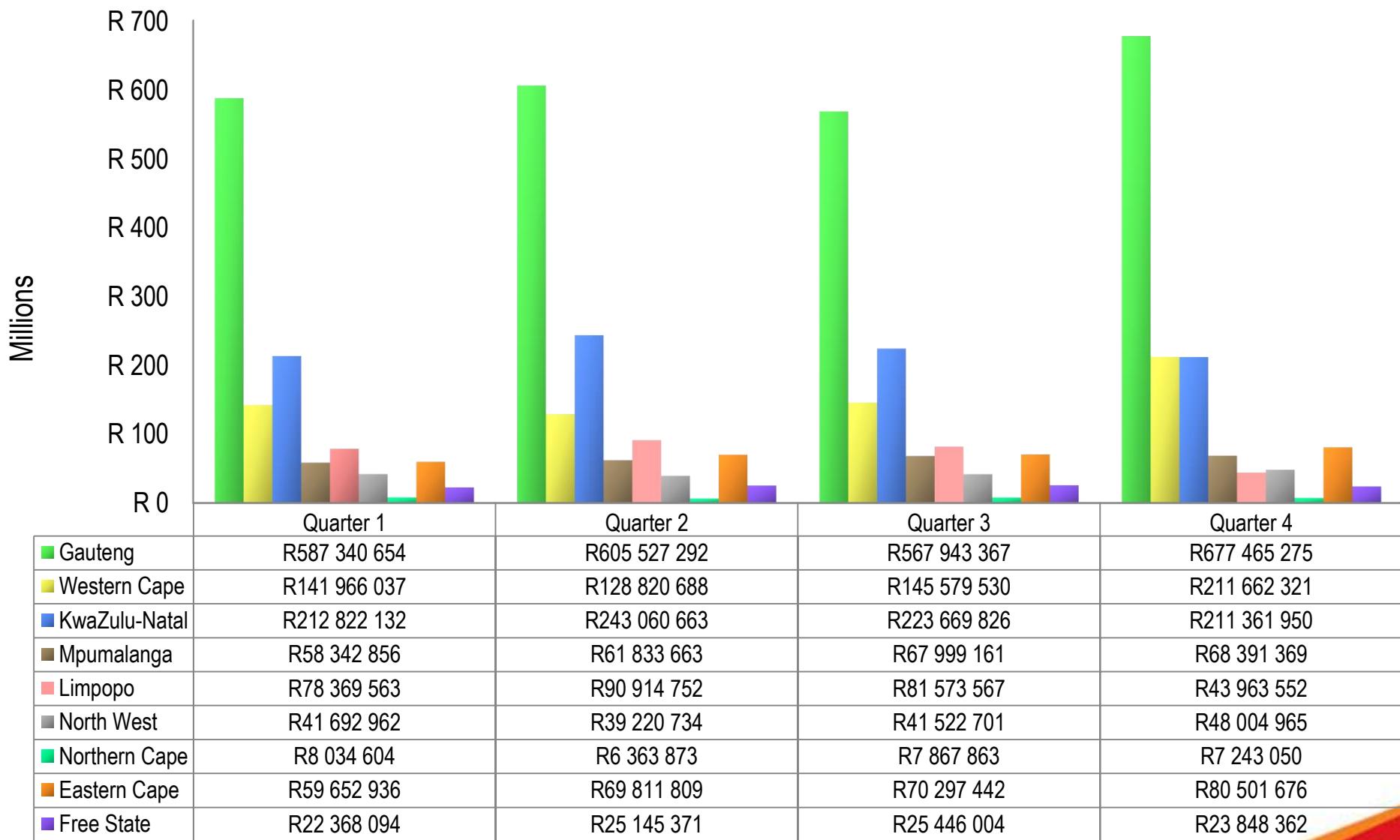
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# Quarterly betting GGR – FY2017

## Bookmakers & Totalisators

Rand value of the gross revenue of an operator

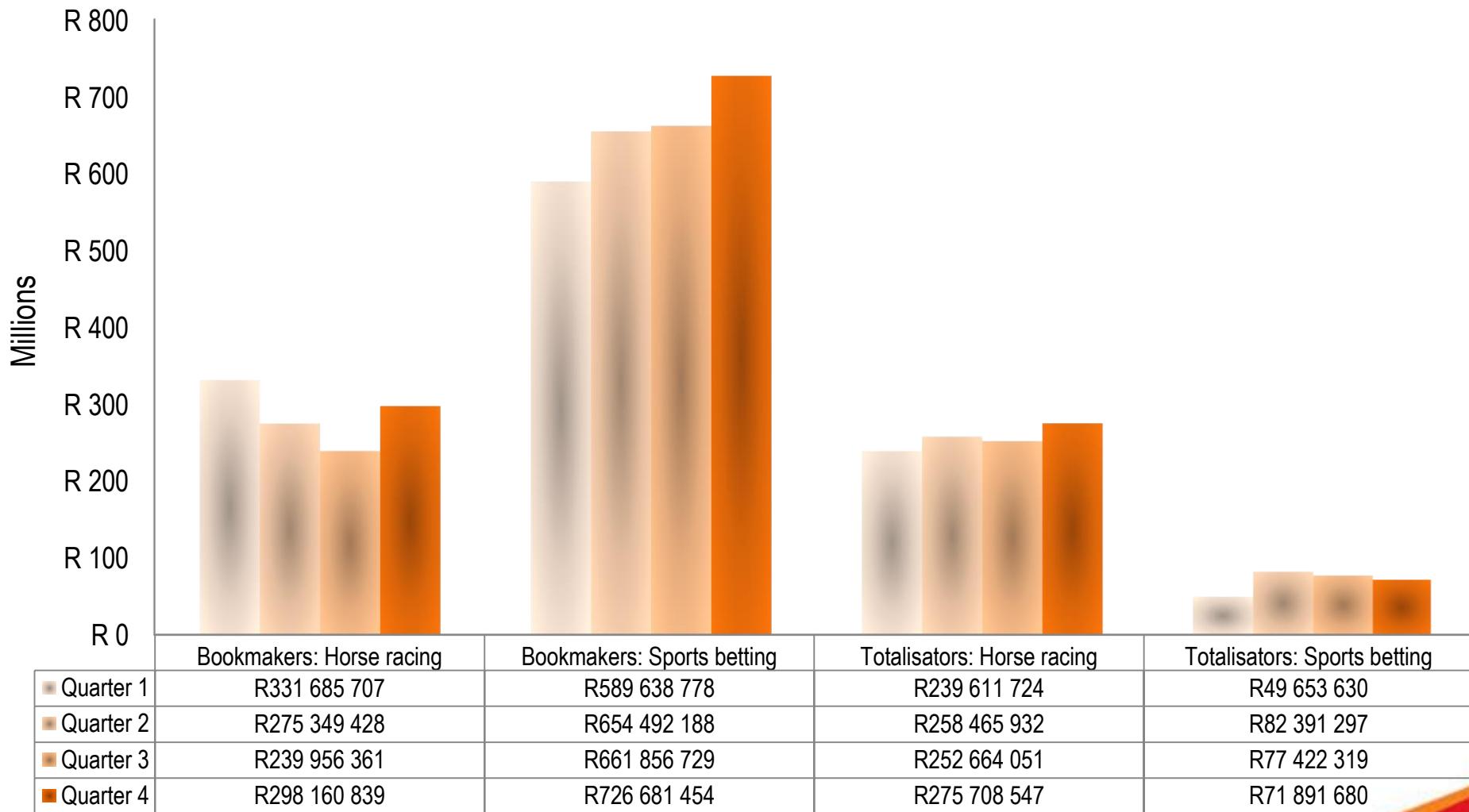


# Quarterly betting GGR – FY2017

## Split between Bookmakers & Totalisators

### Betting on horse racing & sport

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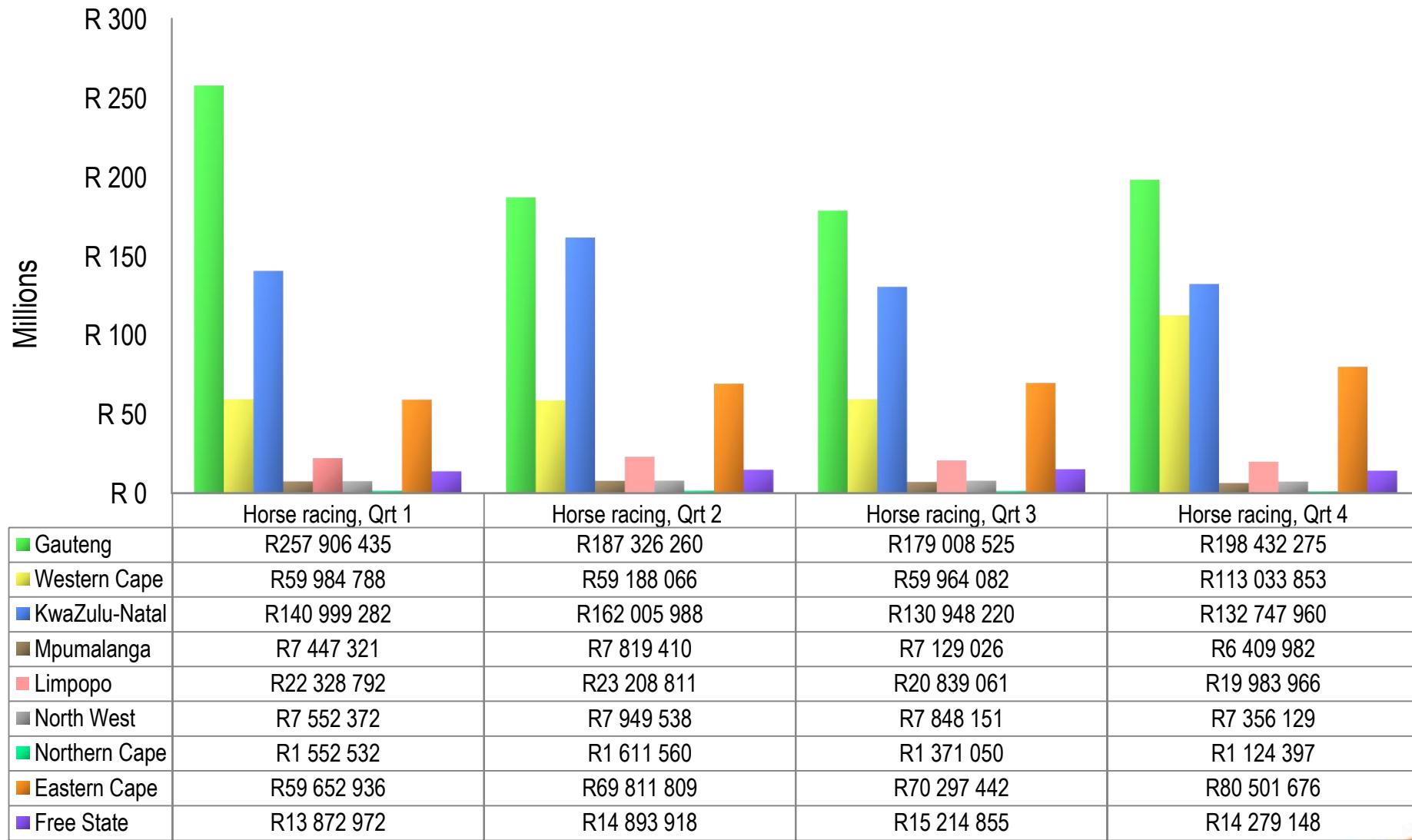


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# Quarterly betting GGR – FY2017

## Betting on horse racing\*

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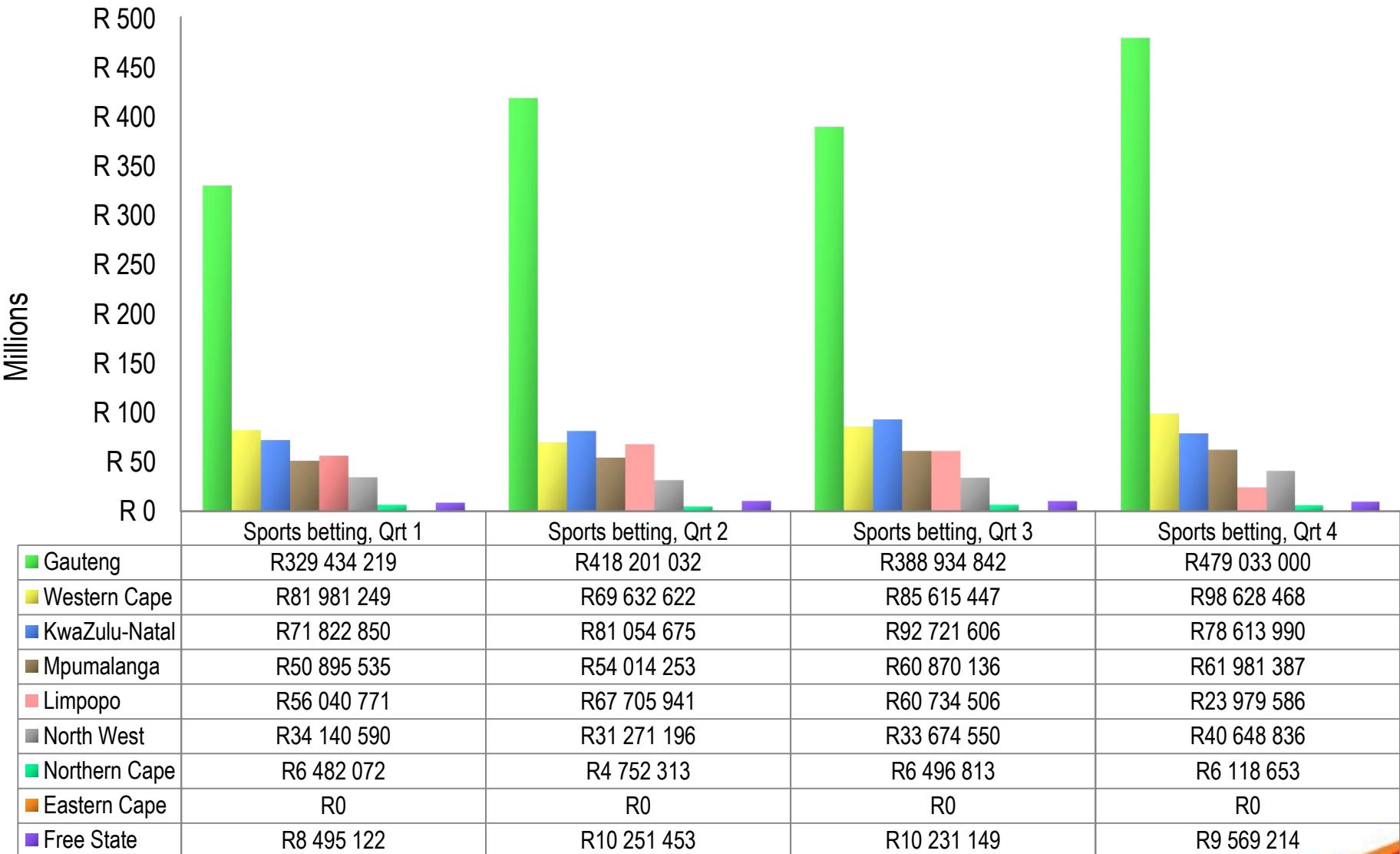


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# Quarterly betting GGR – FY2017\*

## Betting on sport\*

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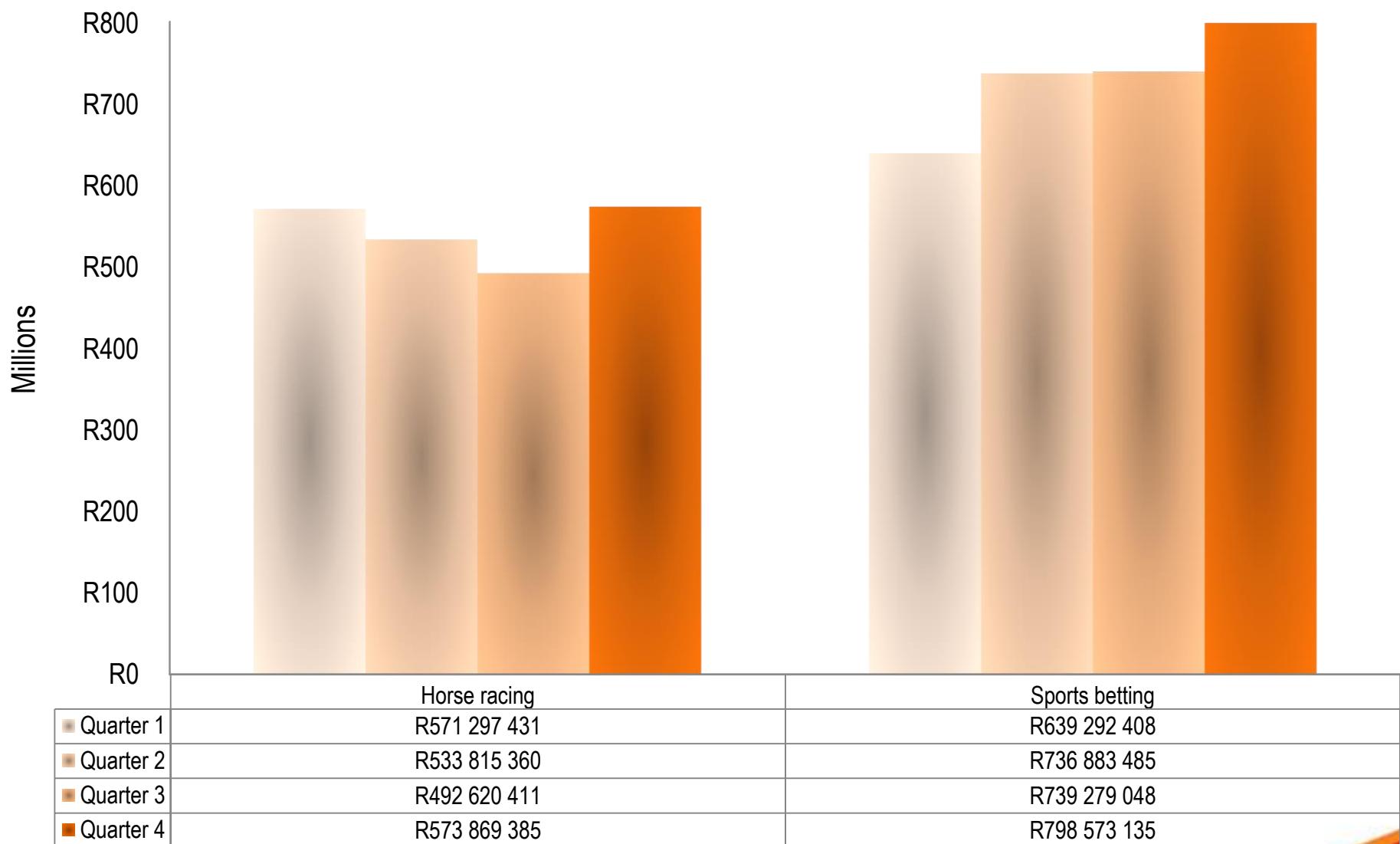


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# Quarterly betting GGR – FY2017\*

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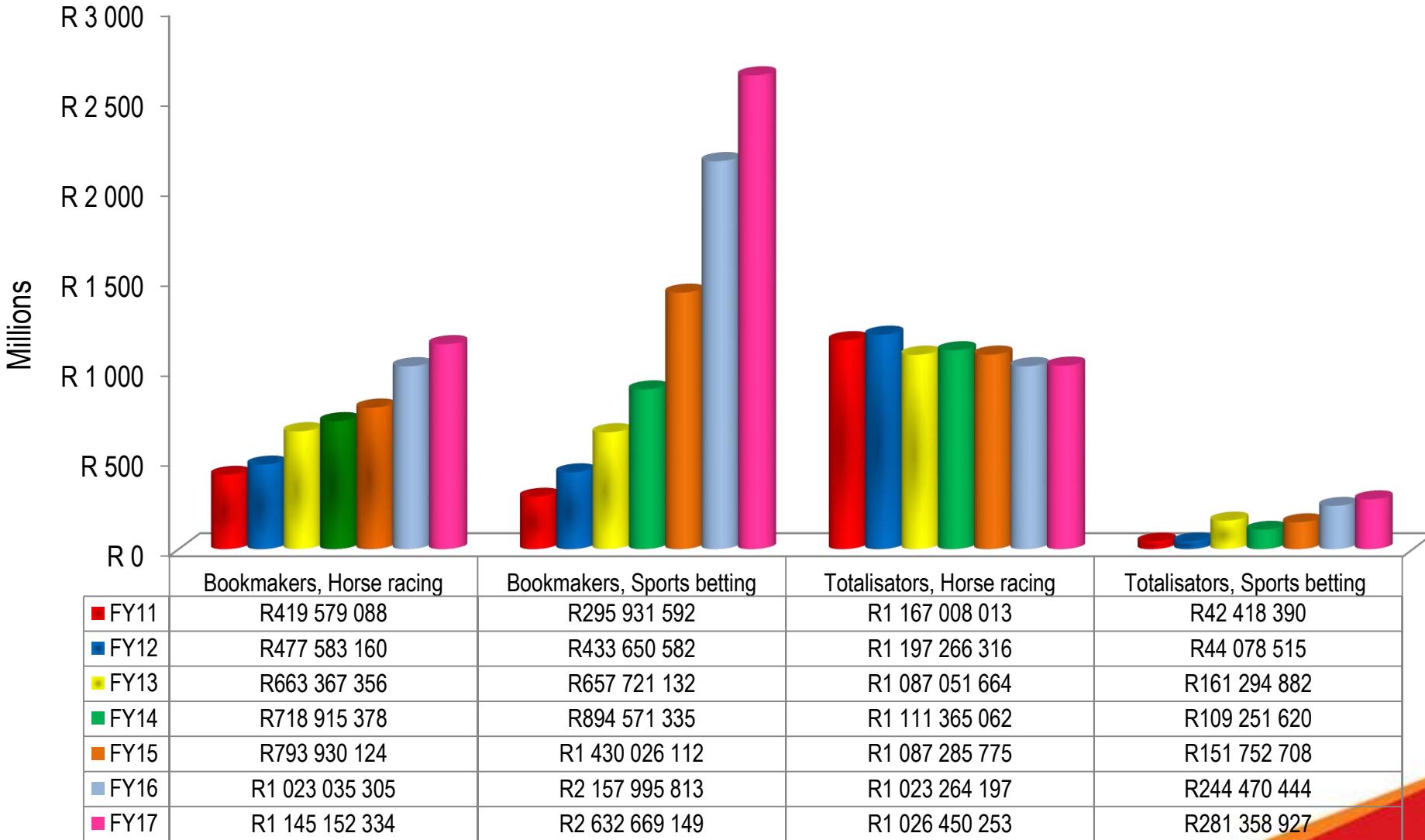
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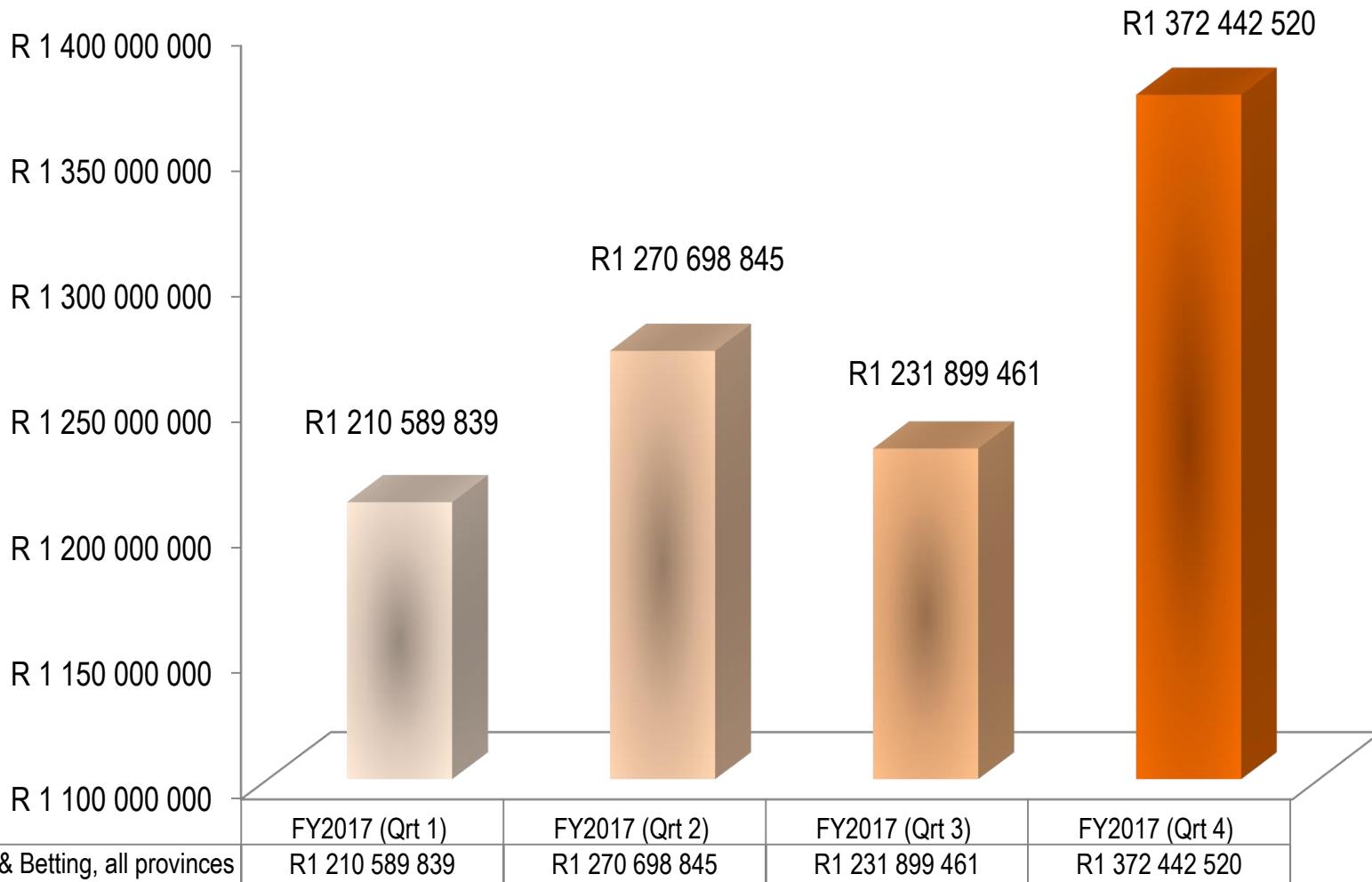
# Trend in GGR, bookmakers & totalisators – FY2011 to FY2017

Rand value of the gross revenue by an operator



# Trend in GGR betting on horse racing & sport – FY2017

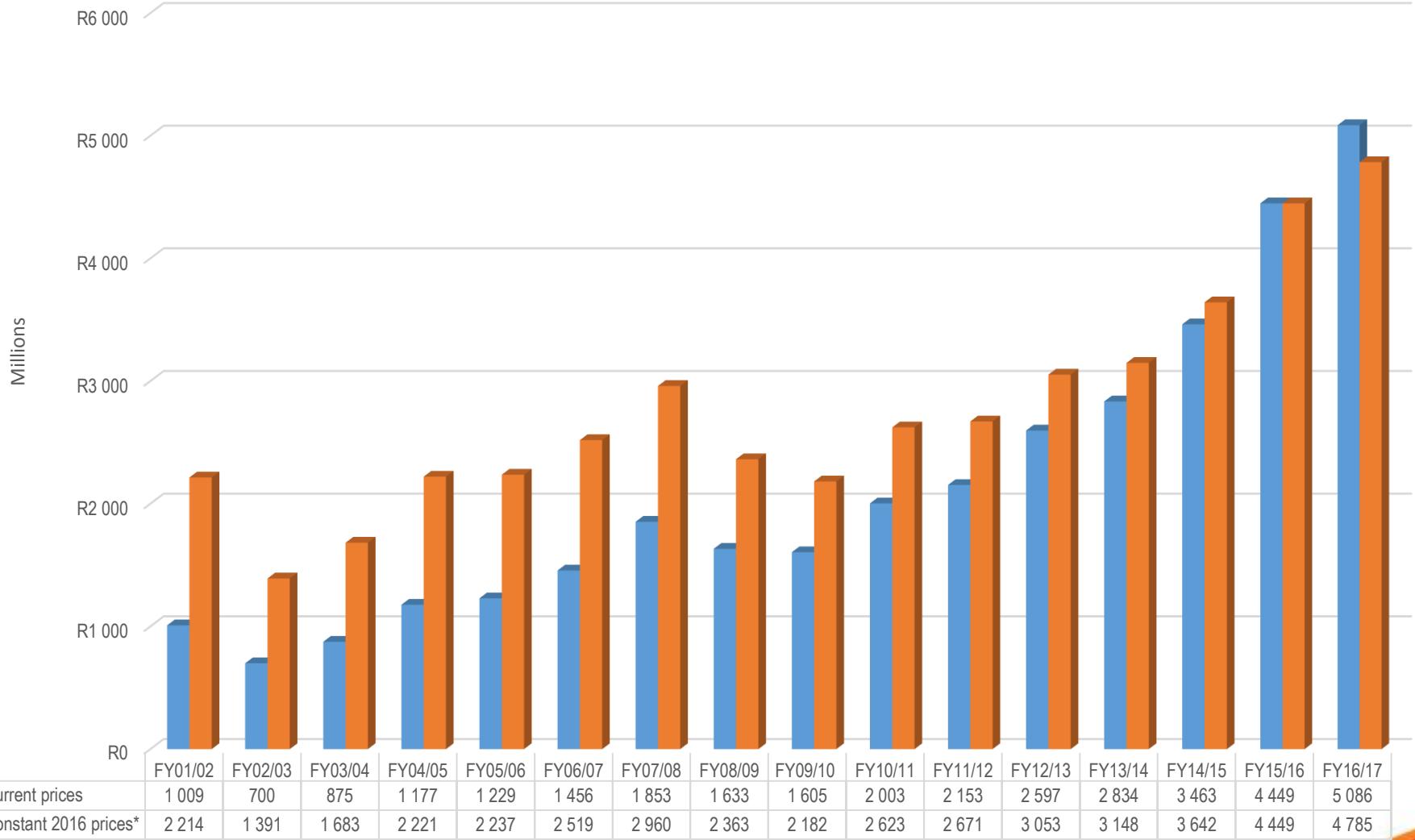
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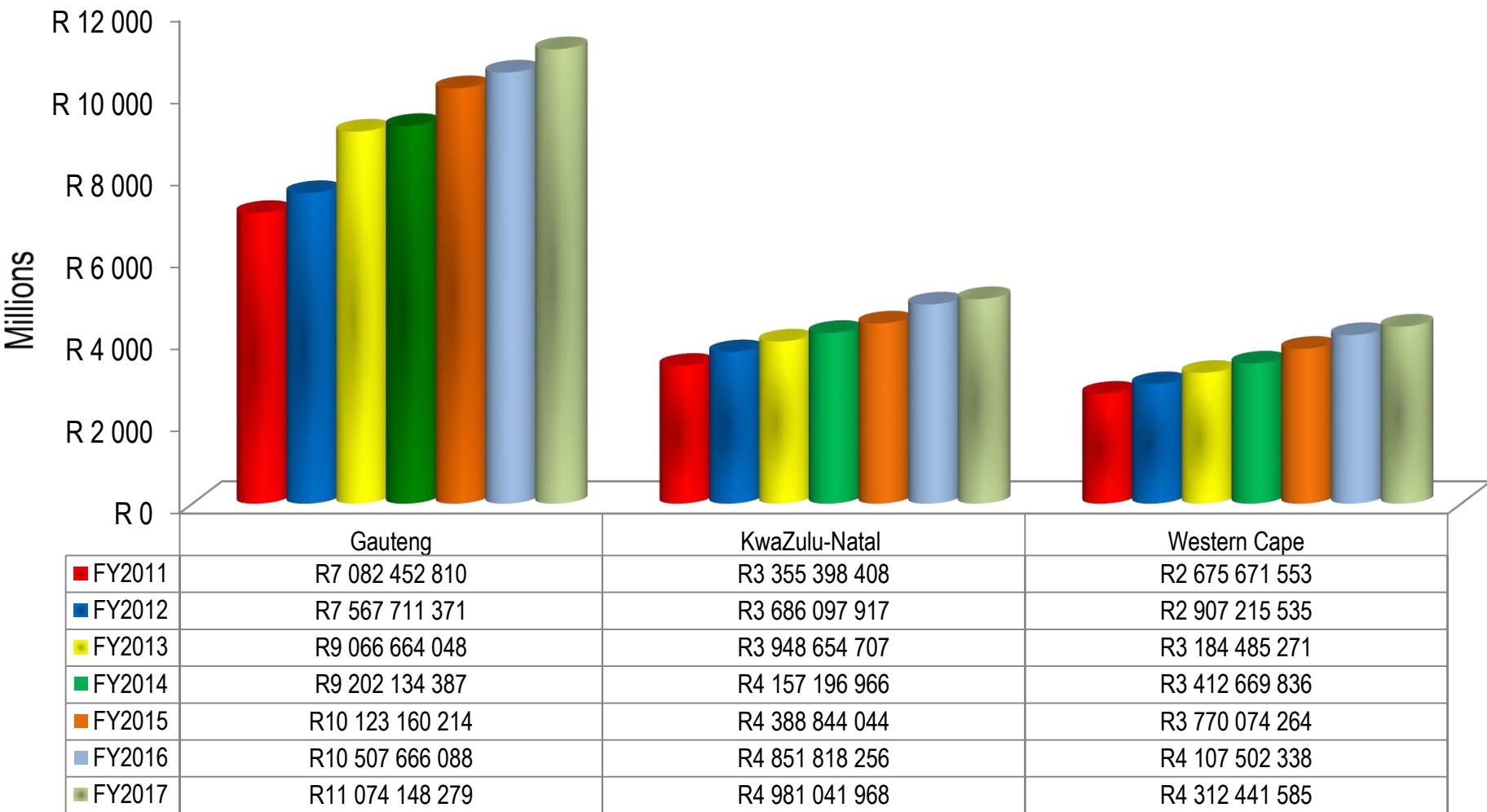
– FY2001/02 to FY2016/17

Rand value of the gross revenue by an operator



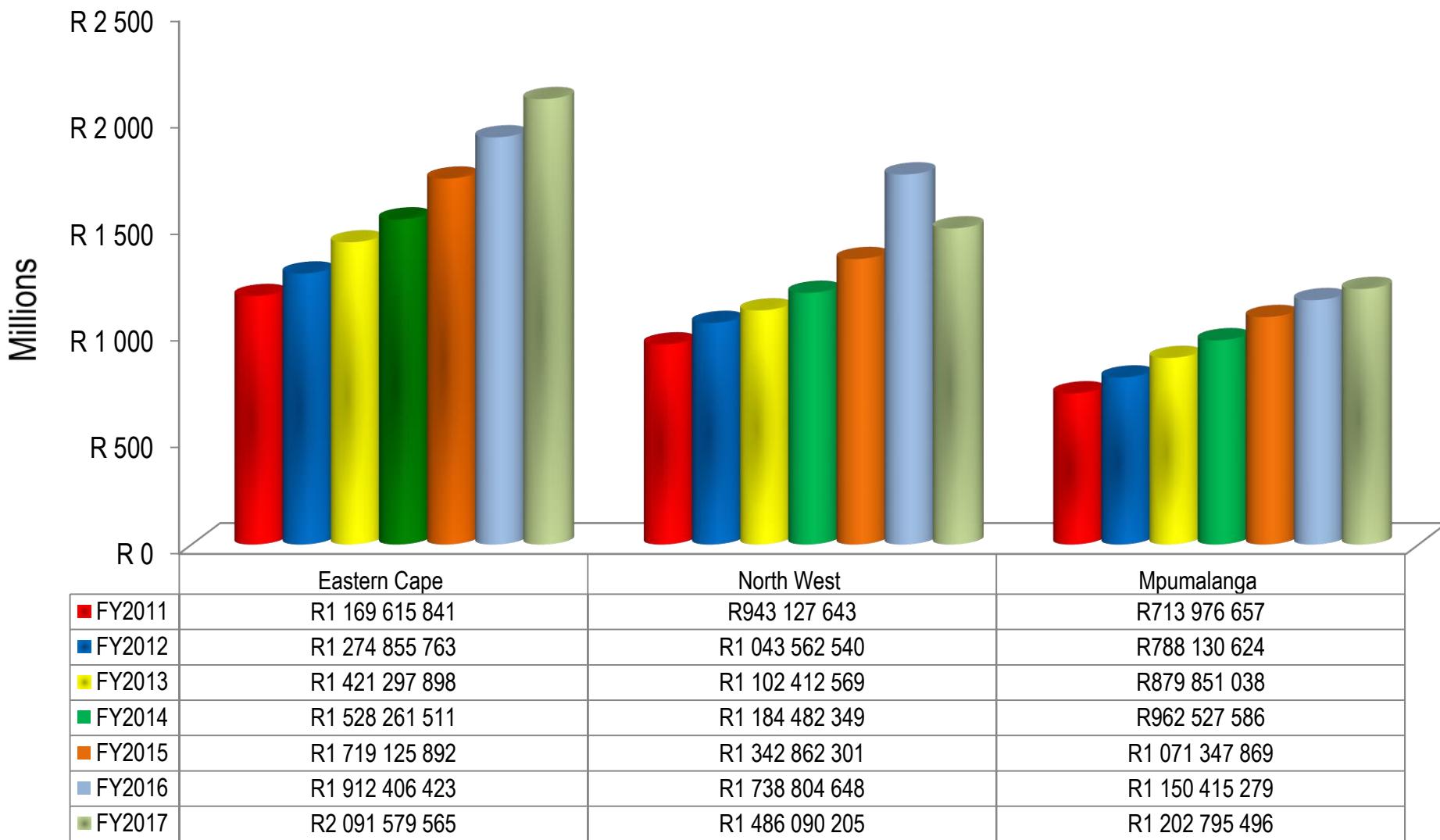
# Trend in GGR, provinces (Gauteng, Western Cape & KwaZulu-Natal) FY2011 to F2017

Rand value of the gross revenue by an operator



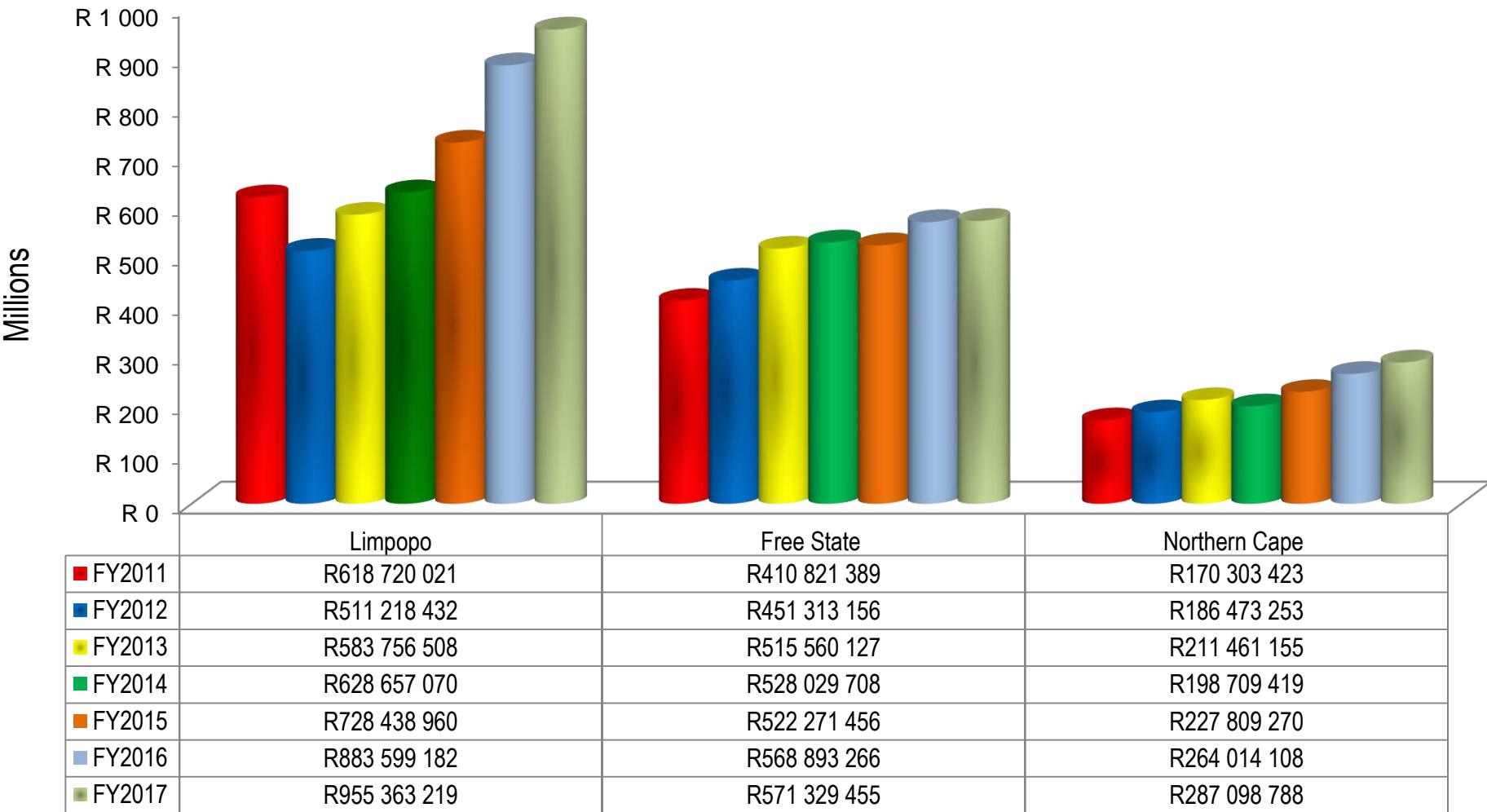
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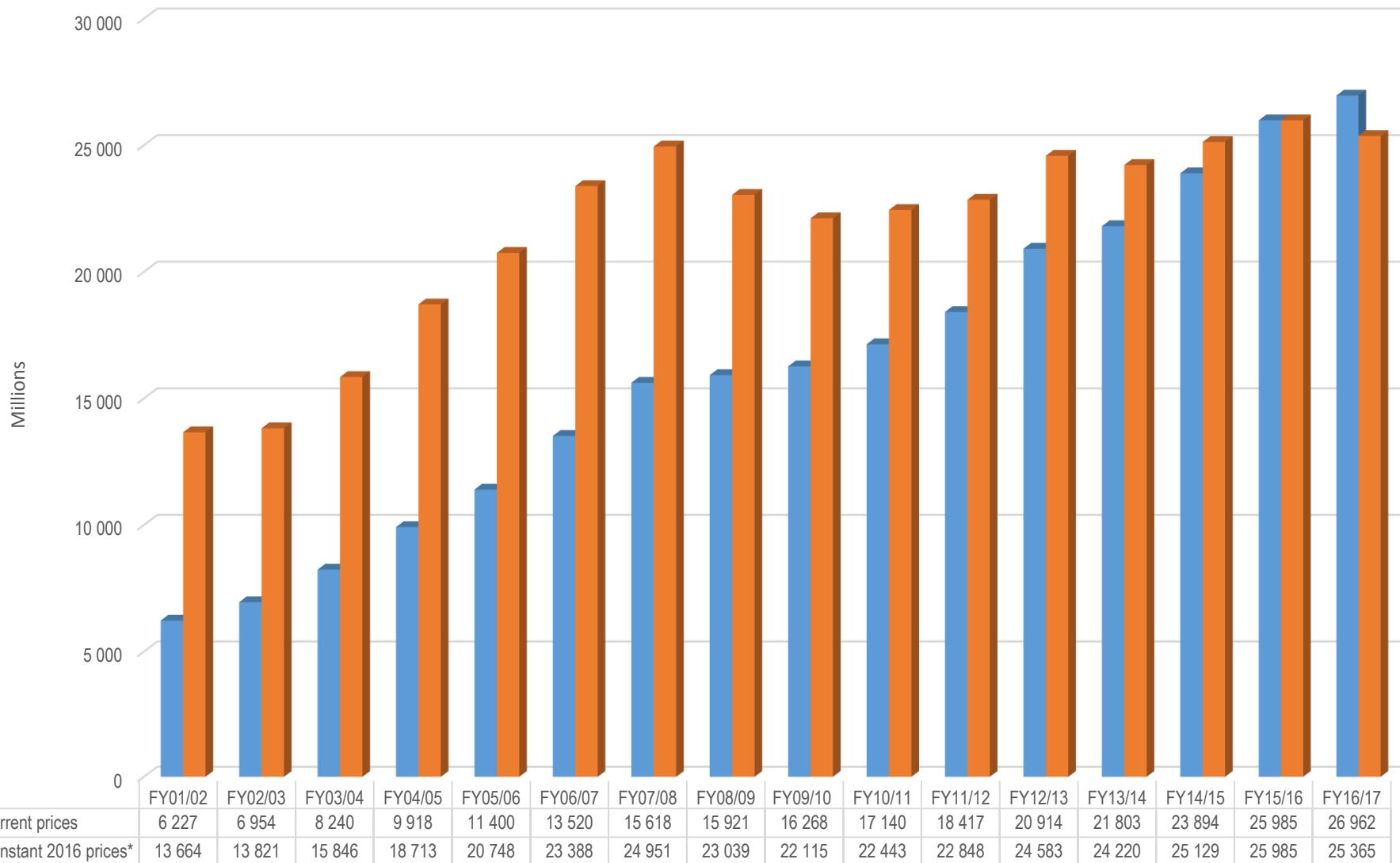
# Trend in GGR, provinces (Limpopo, Free State & Northern Cape) FY2011 to F2017

Rand value of the gross revenue by an operator

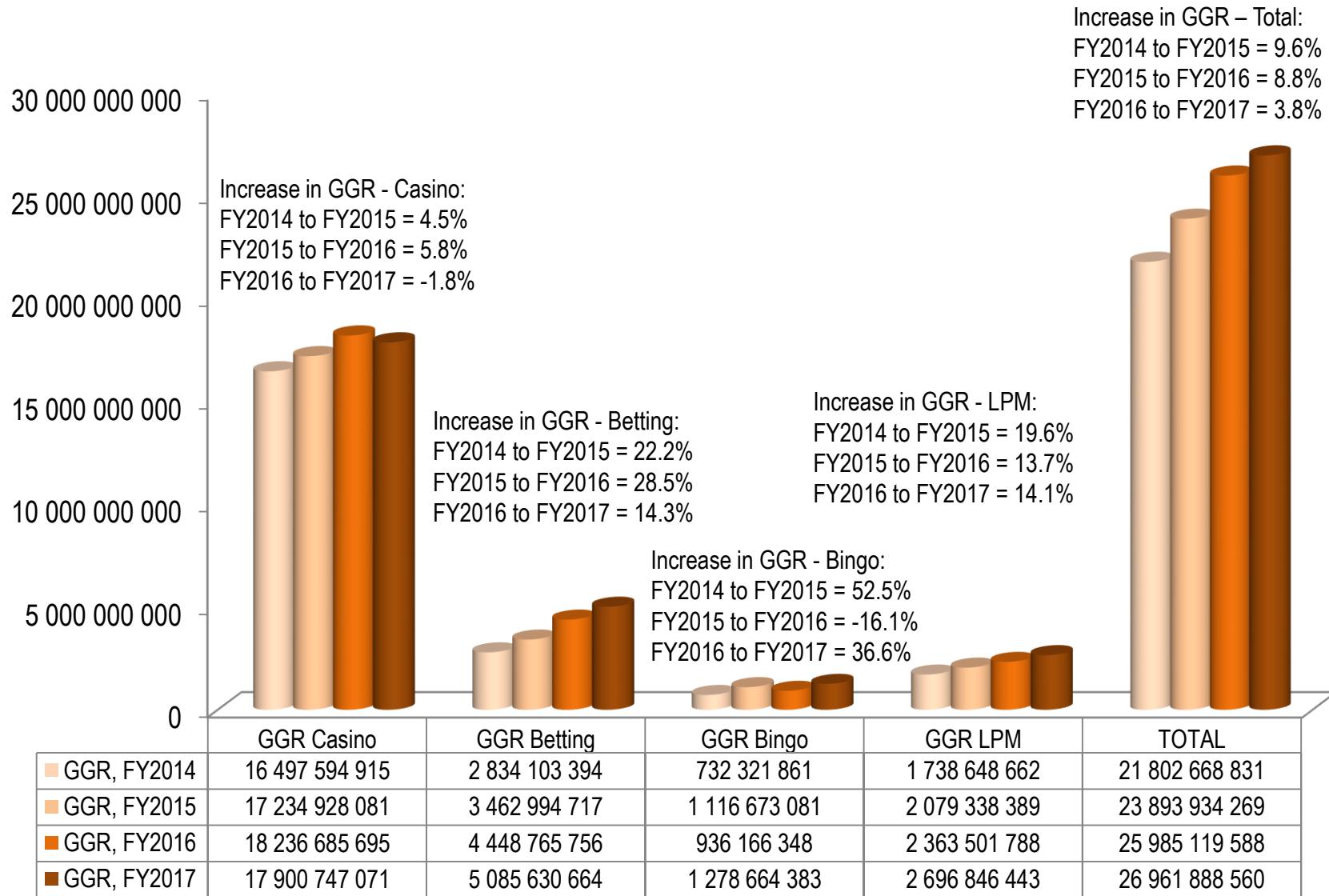


# Trend in GGR – FY2001/02 to FY2016/17 (all modes and provinces)

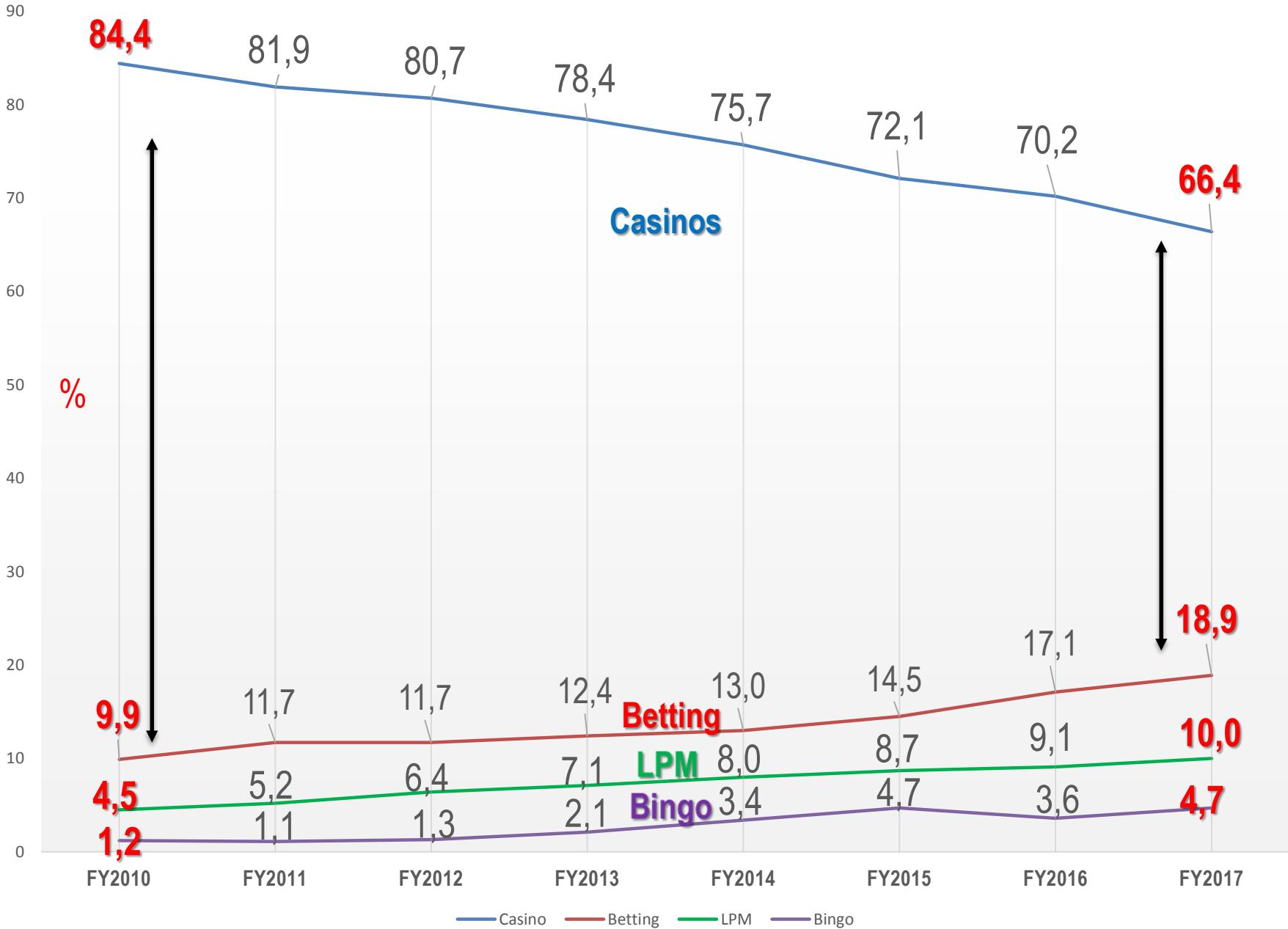
Rand value of the gross revenue by an operator



# Increase in GGR (all modes): FY2014 – FY2017



# Trend in GGR, comparison all modes (FY2010-FY2017)



# Real GGR growth rate and Real GDP growth rate

## FY2016 to F20Y17

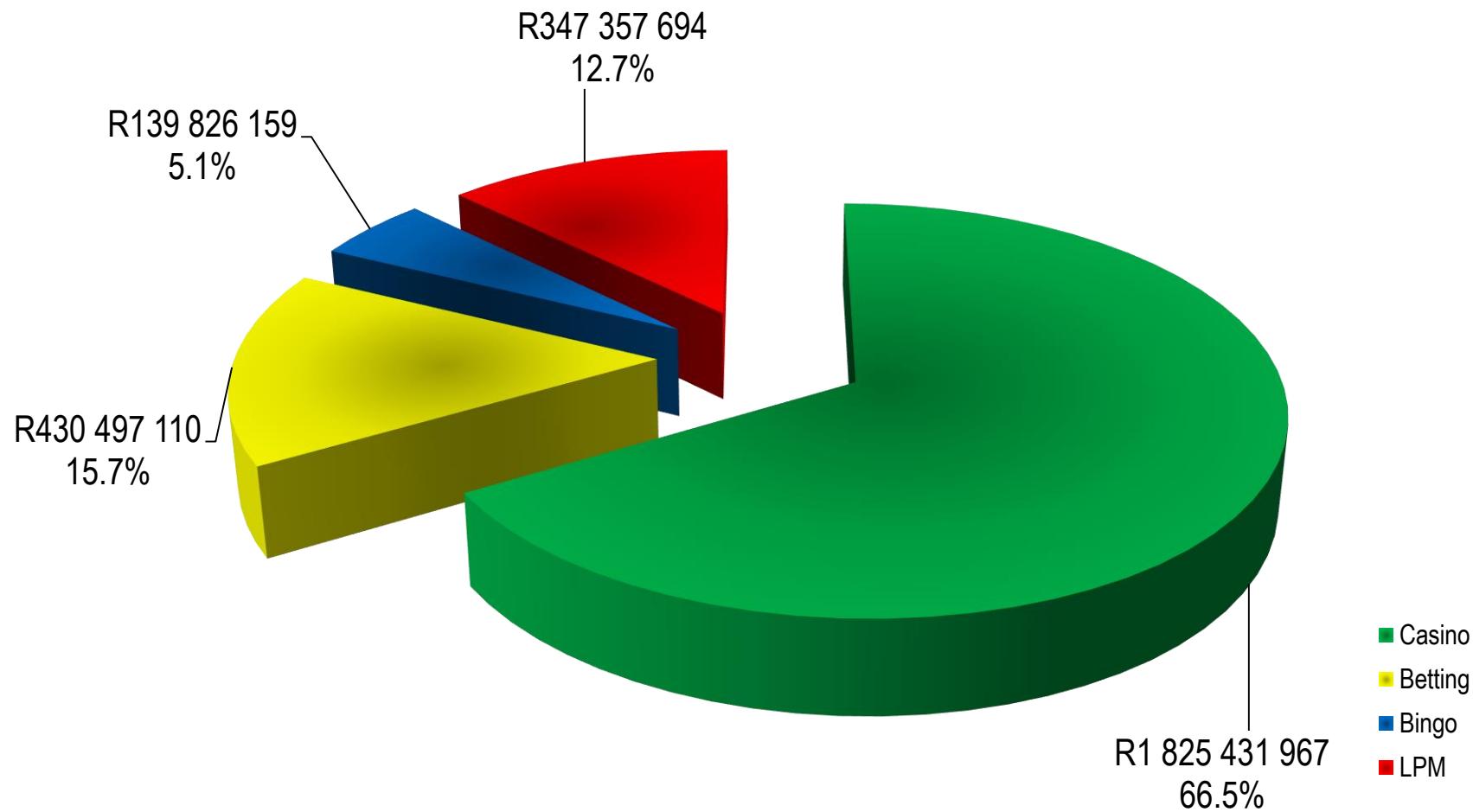


# Summary : GGR

- GGR increased by 9.6% from R 21,8 billion in FY2014 to R 23,9 billion in FY2015, by 8.8% to R26.0 billion in FY2016, and by 3.8% to R27.0 billion in FY2017. A total amount of R 26 961 888 560 referred to as GGR was generated during FY2017.
- In real terms however, the GGR increased by 3.8% in FY2015, by 3.4% in FY2016 and decreased by 2.4% in FY2017.
- During FY2017, casinos accounted for the highest GGR being 66.4% as compared to other gambling modes. The percentage GGR generated by casinos (compared to other sectors) showed a declining trend from FY2010 (84.4%) to FY2017 (66.4), as a result of growth in other gambling sectors.
- Compared to all other provinces, Gauteng at a 41.1% share, accounted for the highest amount of GGR generated in FY2017, compared to KwaZulu-Natal (18.5%) and the Western Cape (16.0%).
- Although Gauteng generated the highest amount of GGR relative to casinos (41.2%), betting on horse racing and sport (47.9%), and bingo (63.6%), the highest amount of GGR was generated in the LPM sector in Western Cape (29.2%) in FY2017.

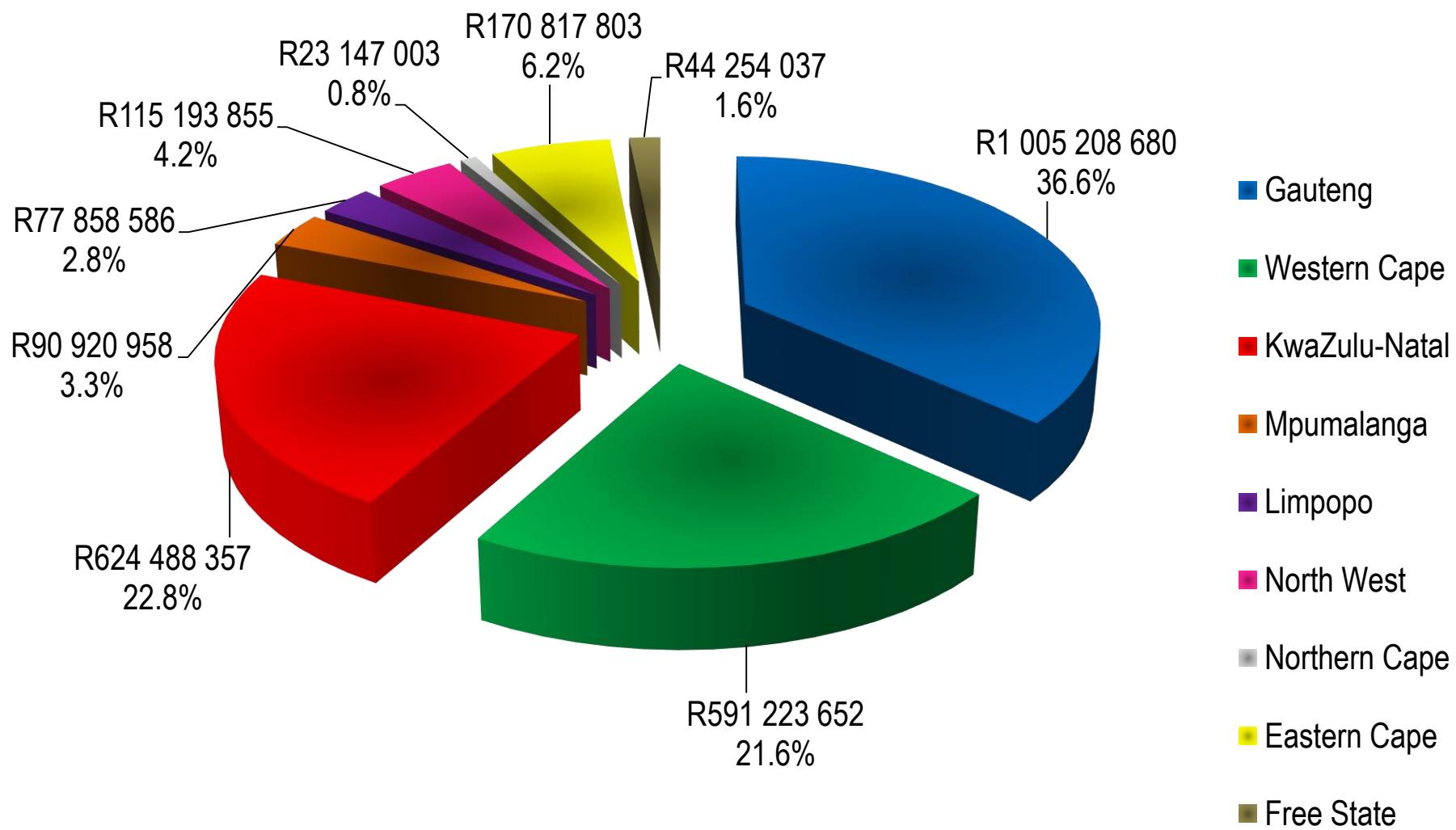
# Taxes/levies contribution per gambling mode – FY2017

Gambling tax levied and collected by PLAs



# Taxes/levies contribution per province – FY2017

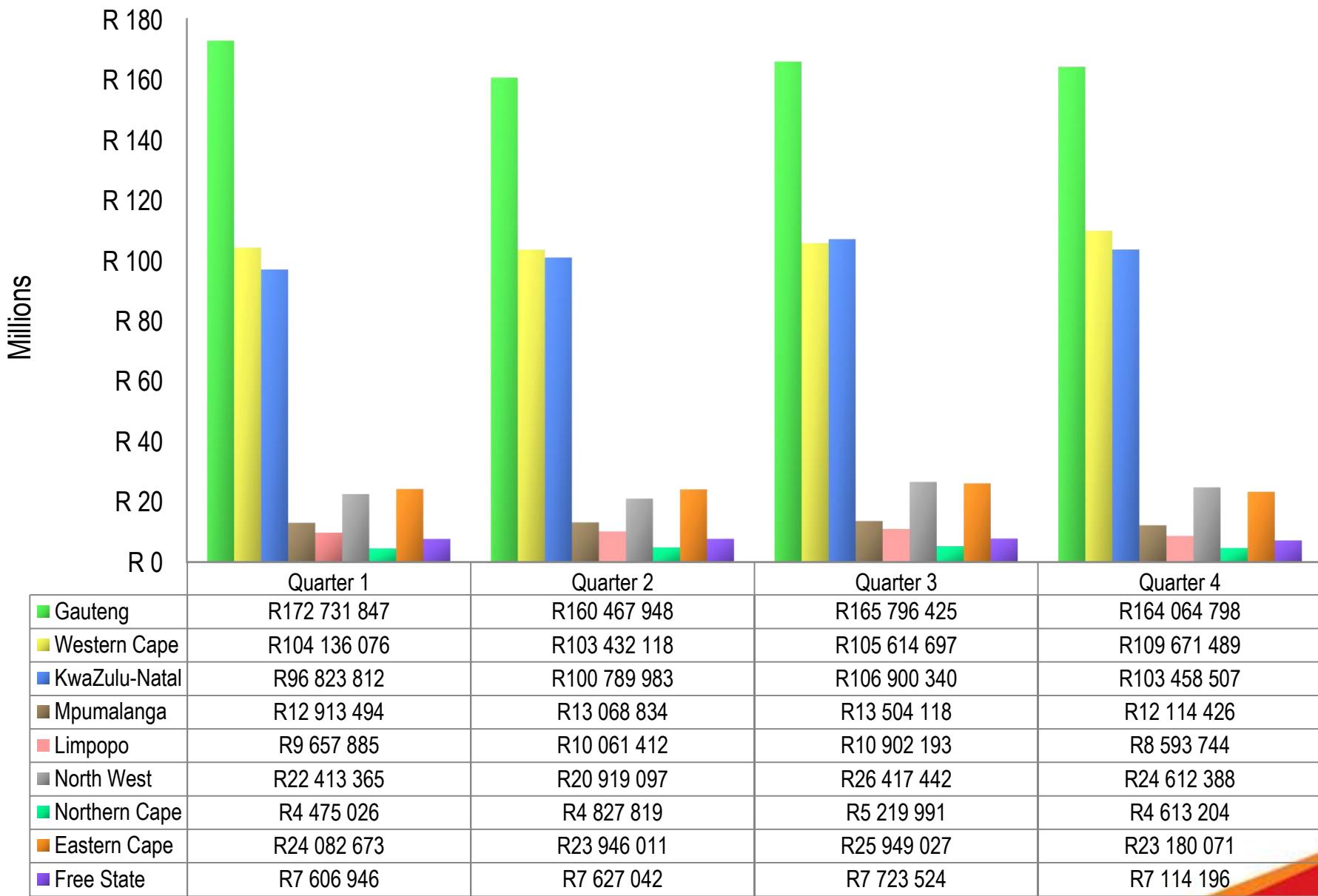
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Total taxes/levies: R 2 743 112 930

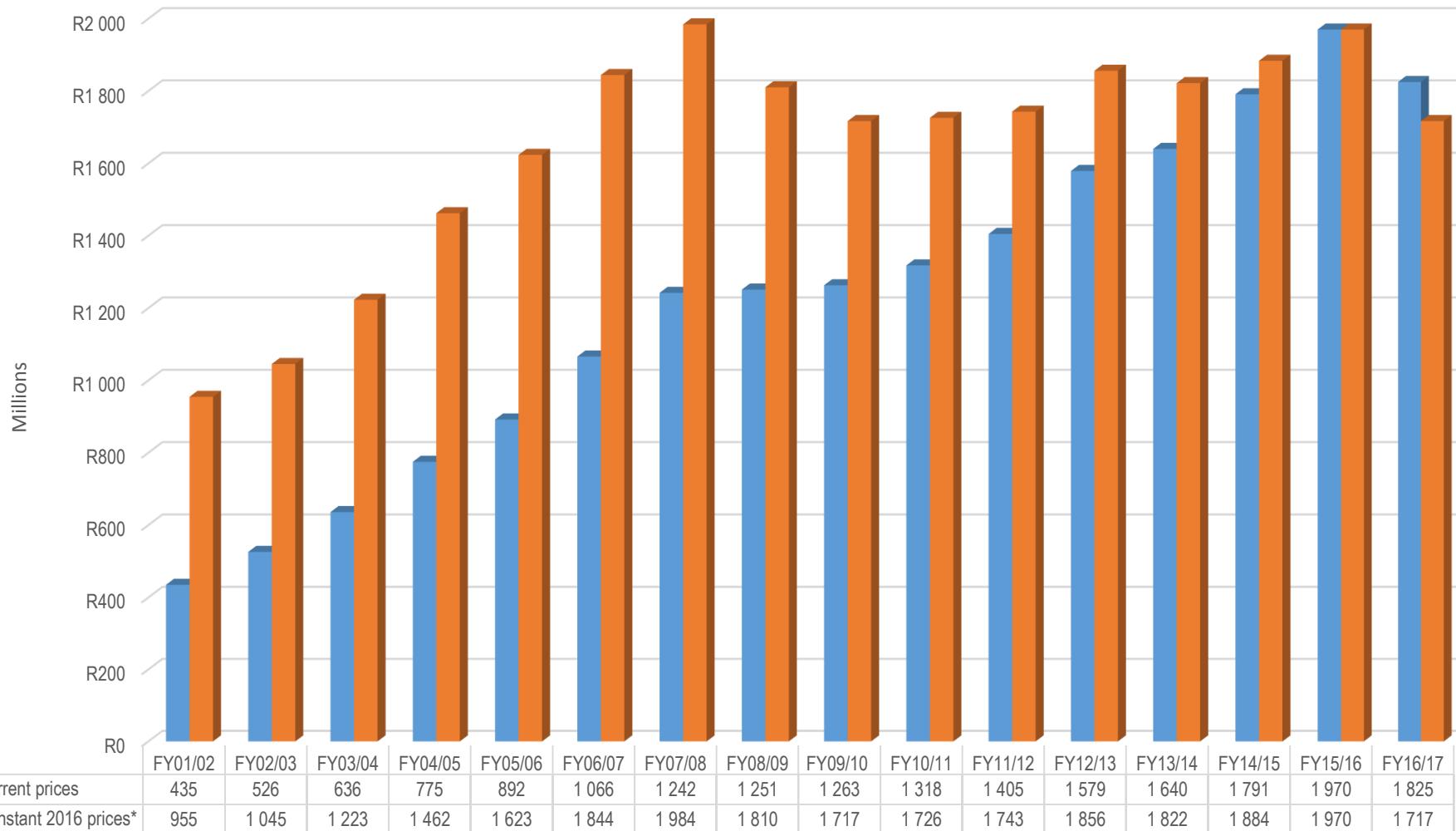
# Quarterly casino taxes/levies - FY2017

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# Trend in casino, taxes/levies – FY2001/02 to FY2016/17

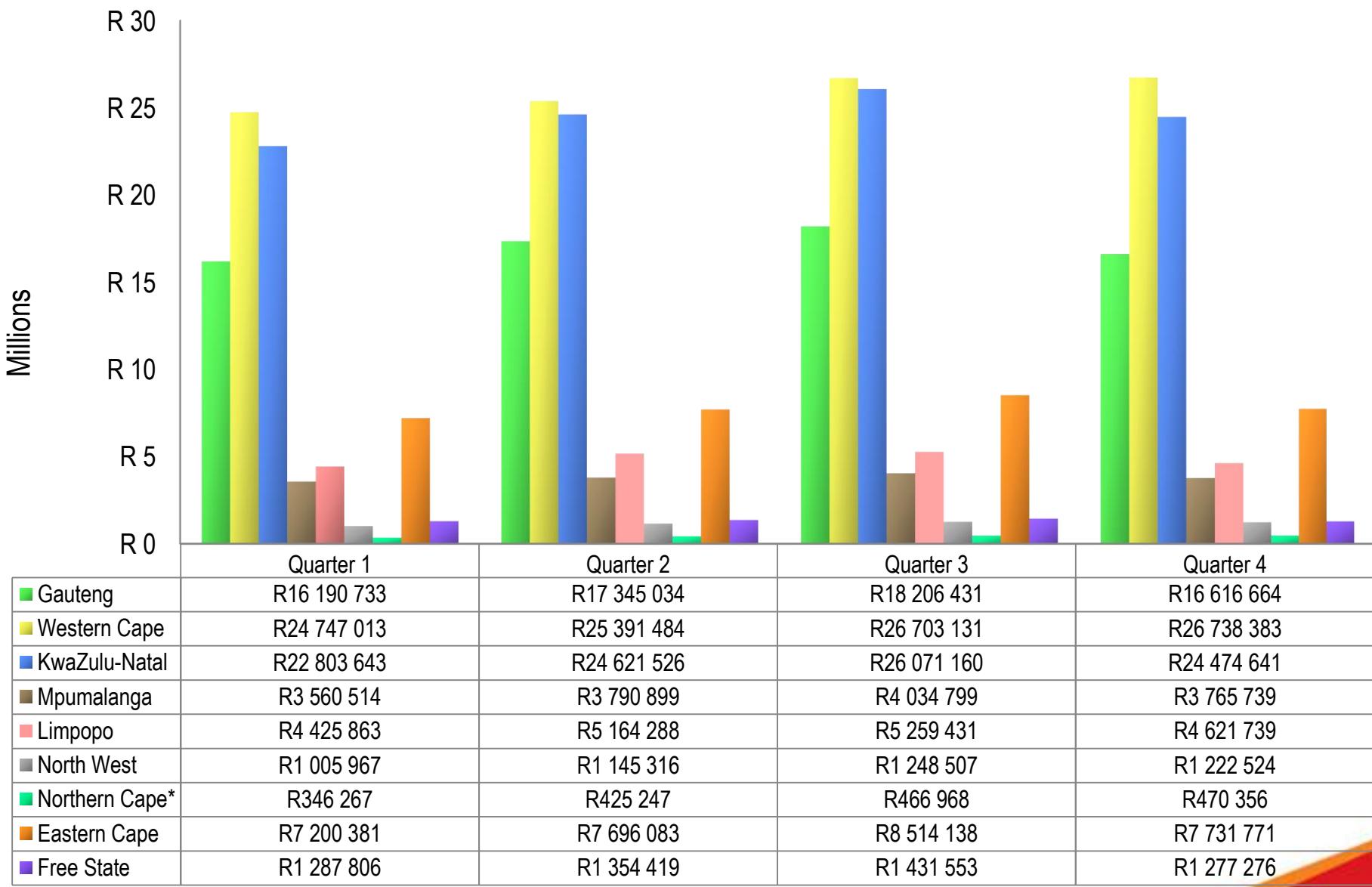
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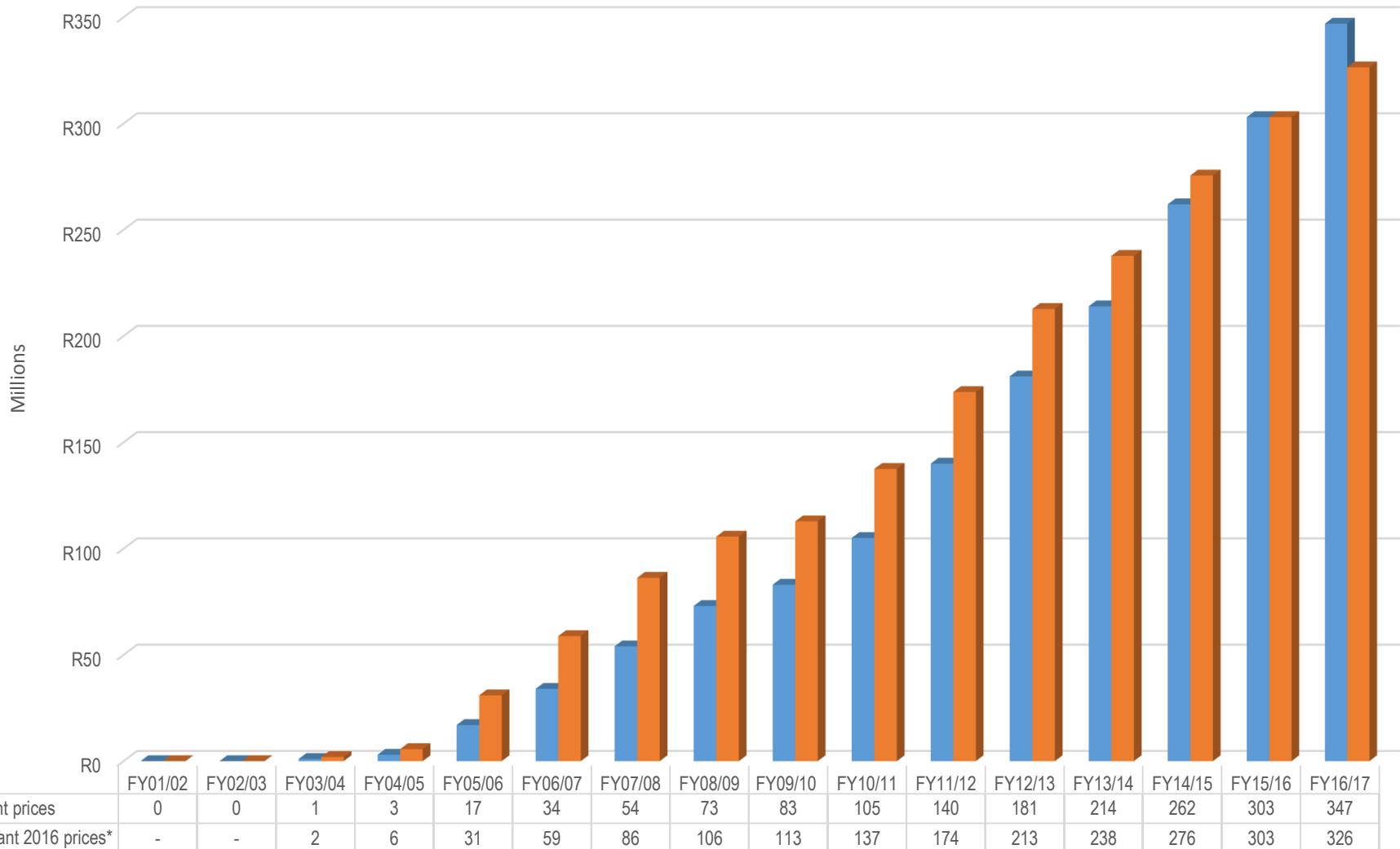
# Quarterly LPM taxes/levies - FY2017

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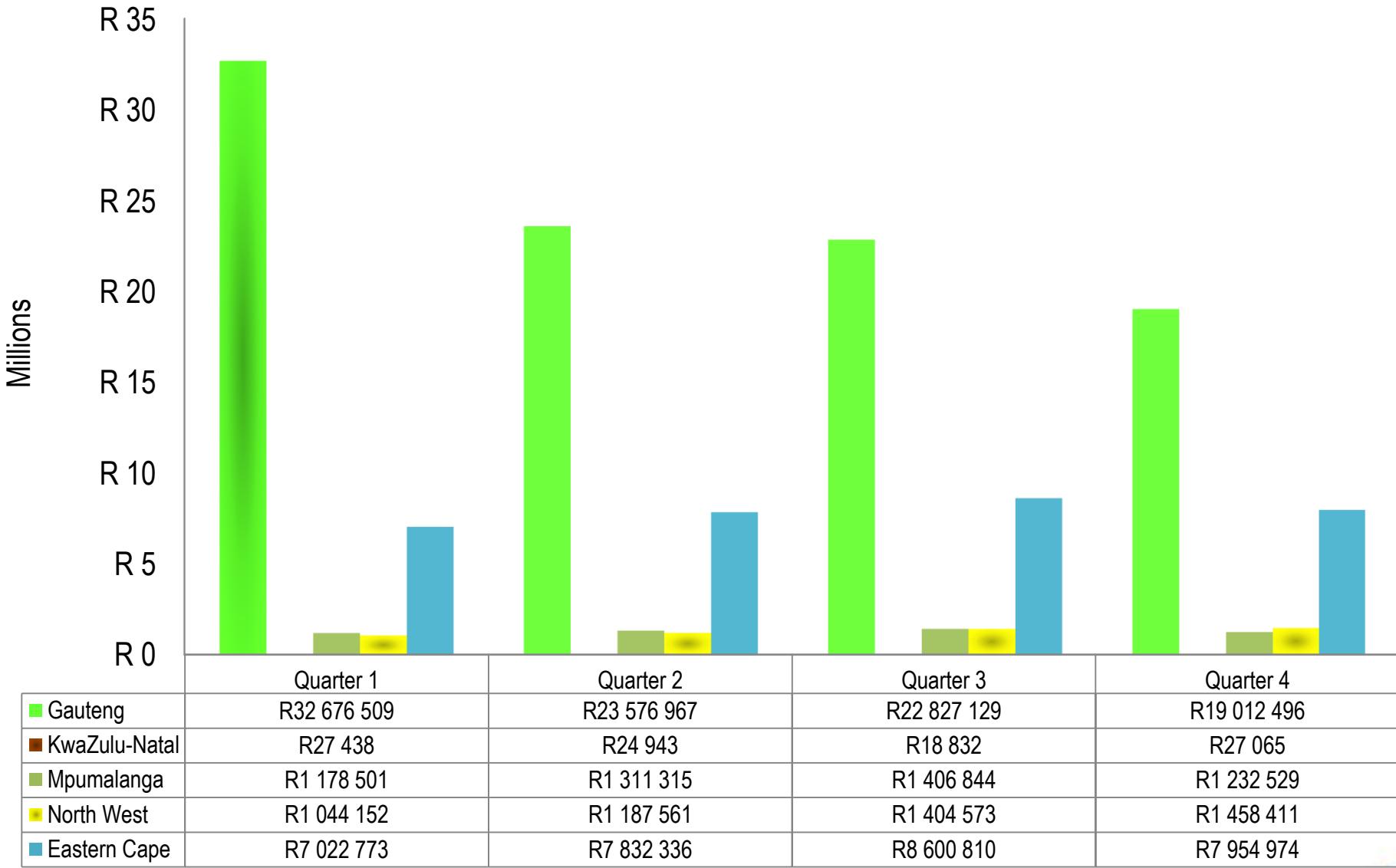
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# Quarterly bingo taxes/levies - FY2017\*

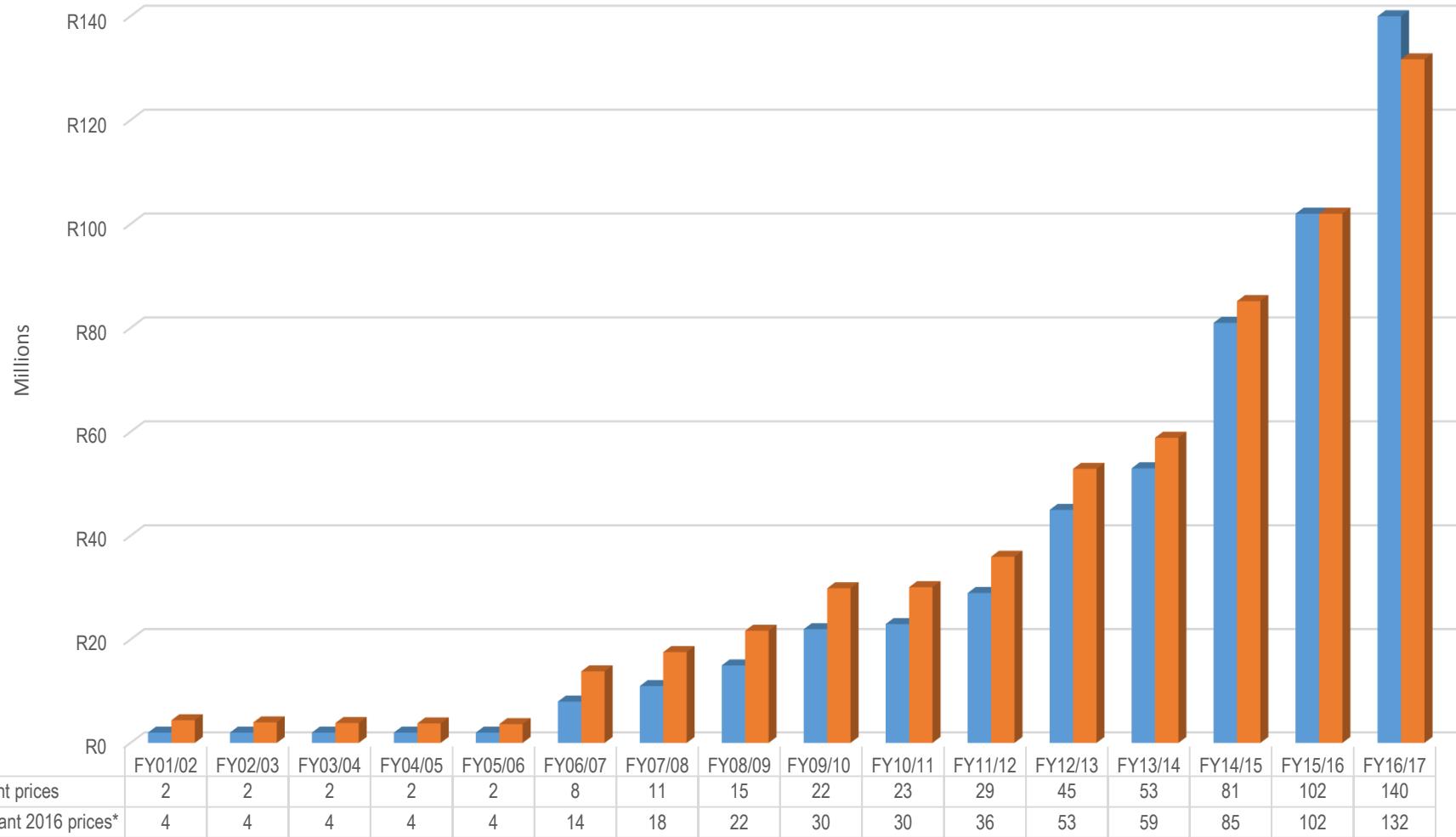
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- Bingo offered for play in Gauteng, Mpumalanga, North West, Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal only
- KZN statistics too low to be visible in graph

# Trend in bingo taxes/levies – FY2001/02 to FY2016/17

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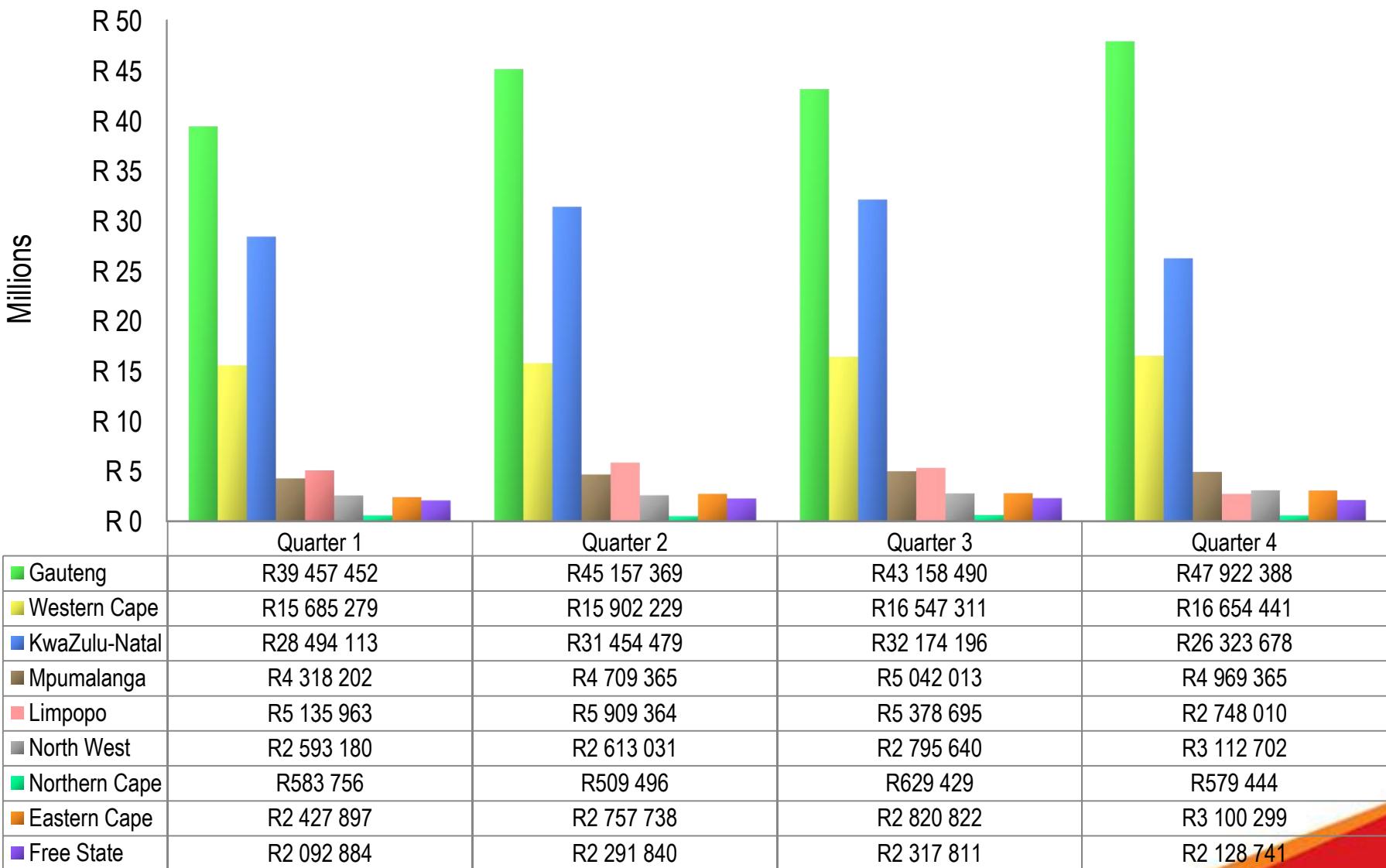
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# Quarterly betting taxes/levies – FY2017

## Bookmakers & Totalisators

Gambling tax levied and collected by PLAs

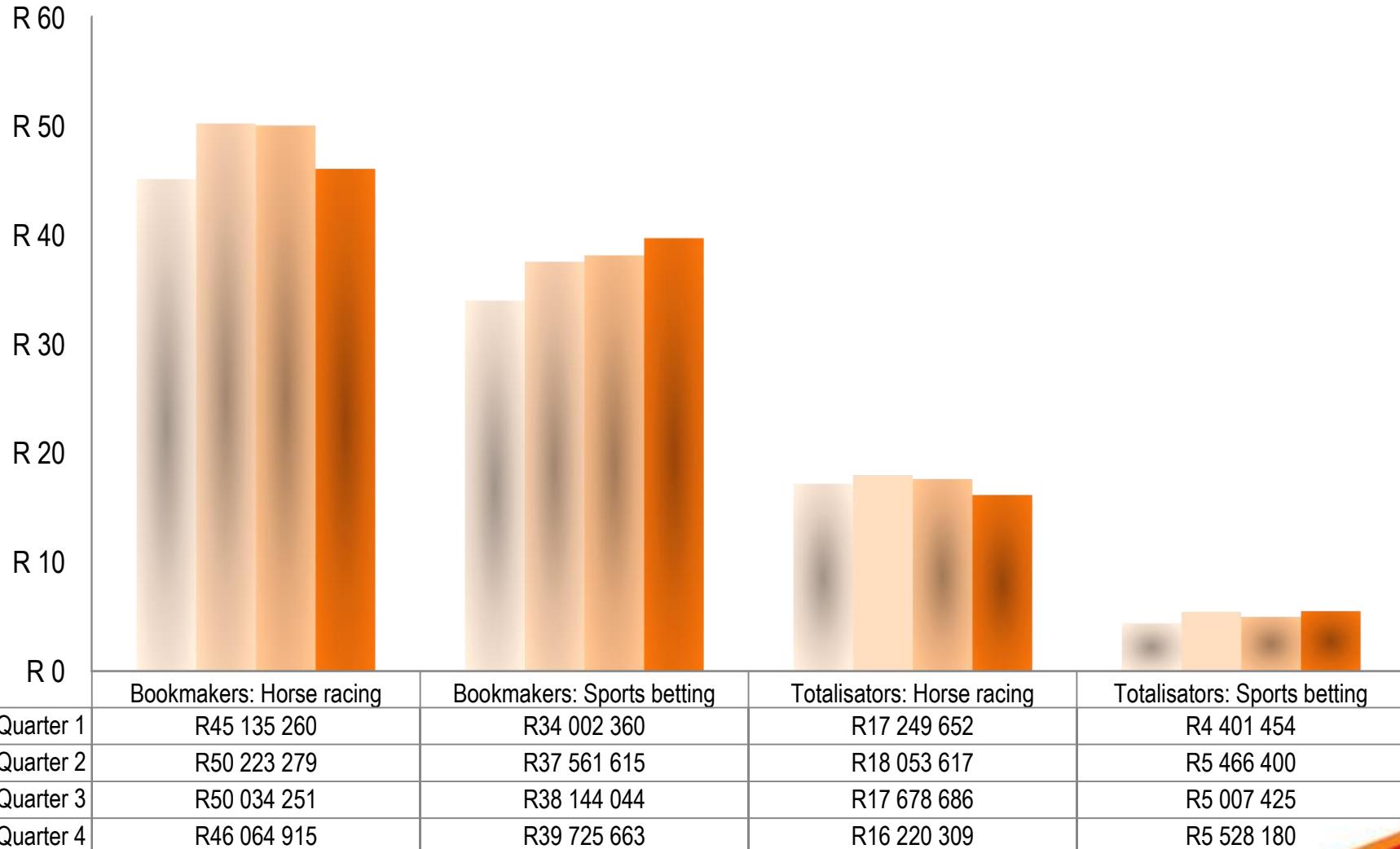


# Quarterly betting taxes/levies – FY2017

## Split between Bookmakers & Totalisators

### Betting on horse racing & sport

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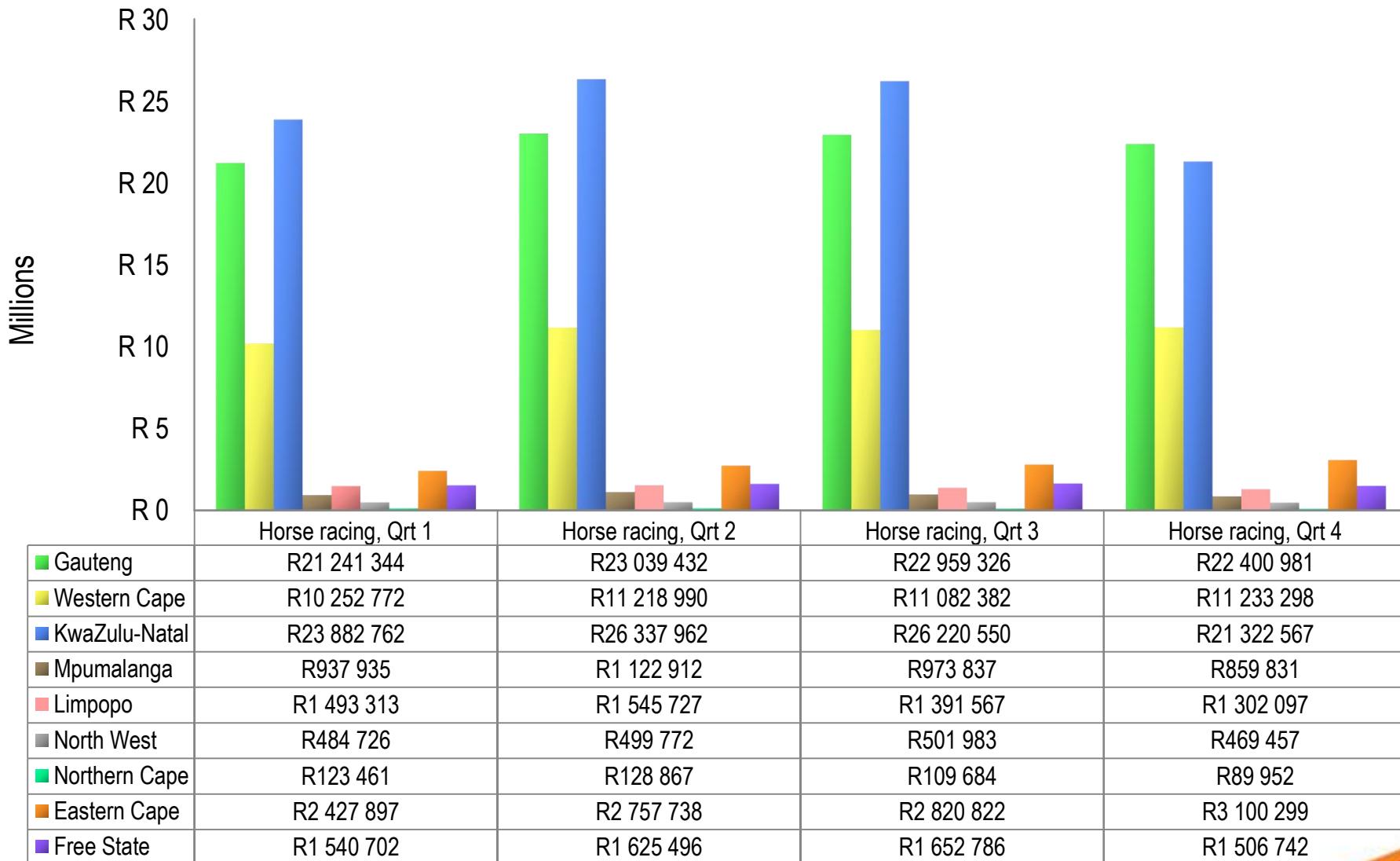


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# Quarterly betting taxes/levies – FY2017

## Betting on horse racing\*

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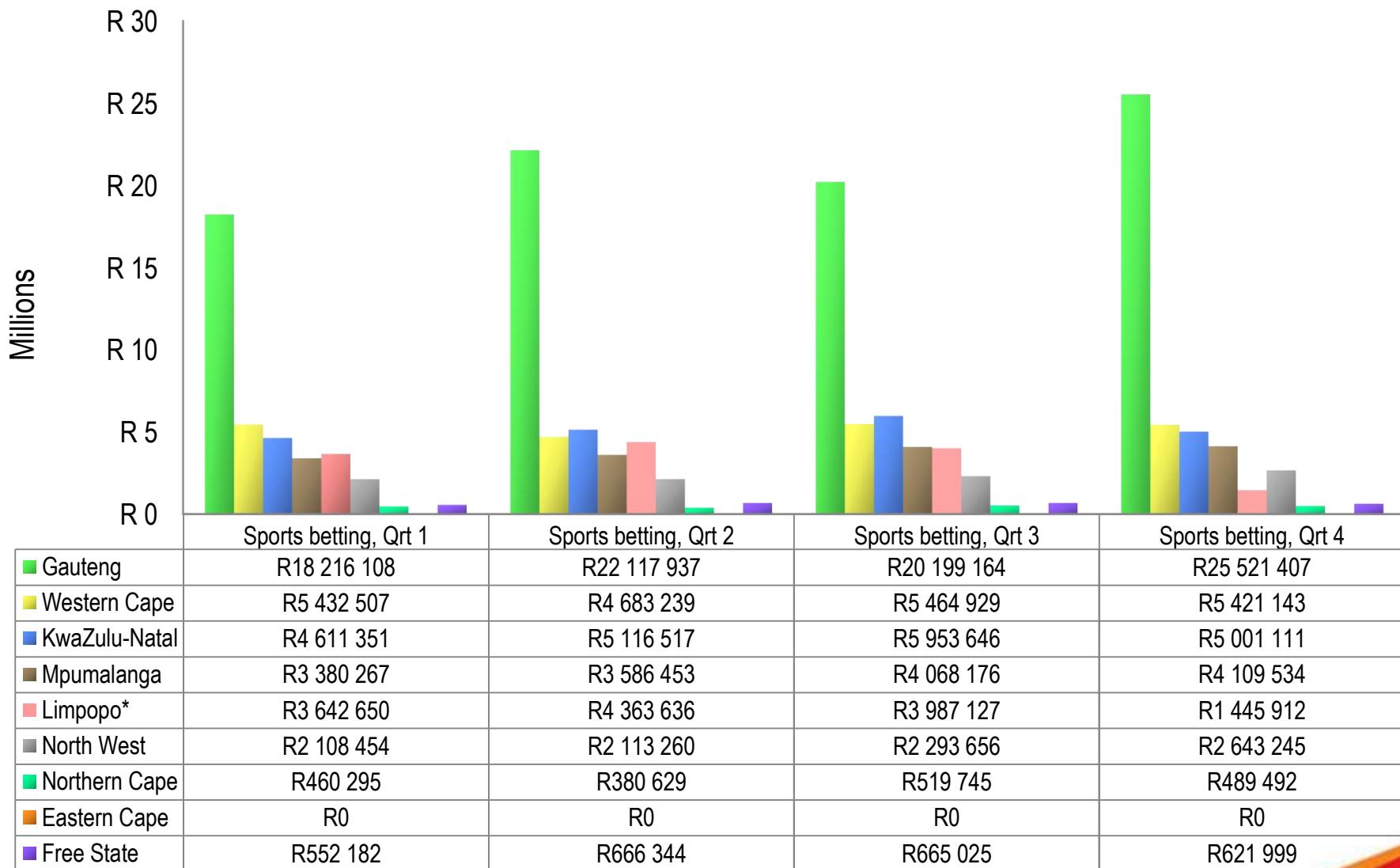


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# Quarterly betting taxes/levies – FY2017

## Betting on sport\*

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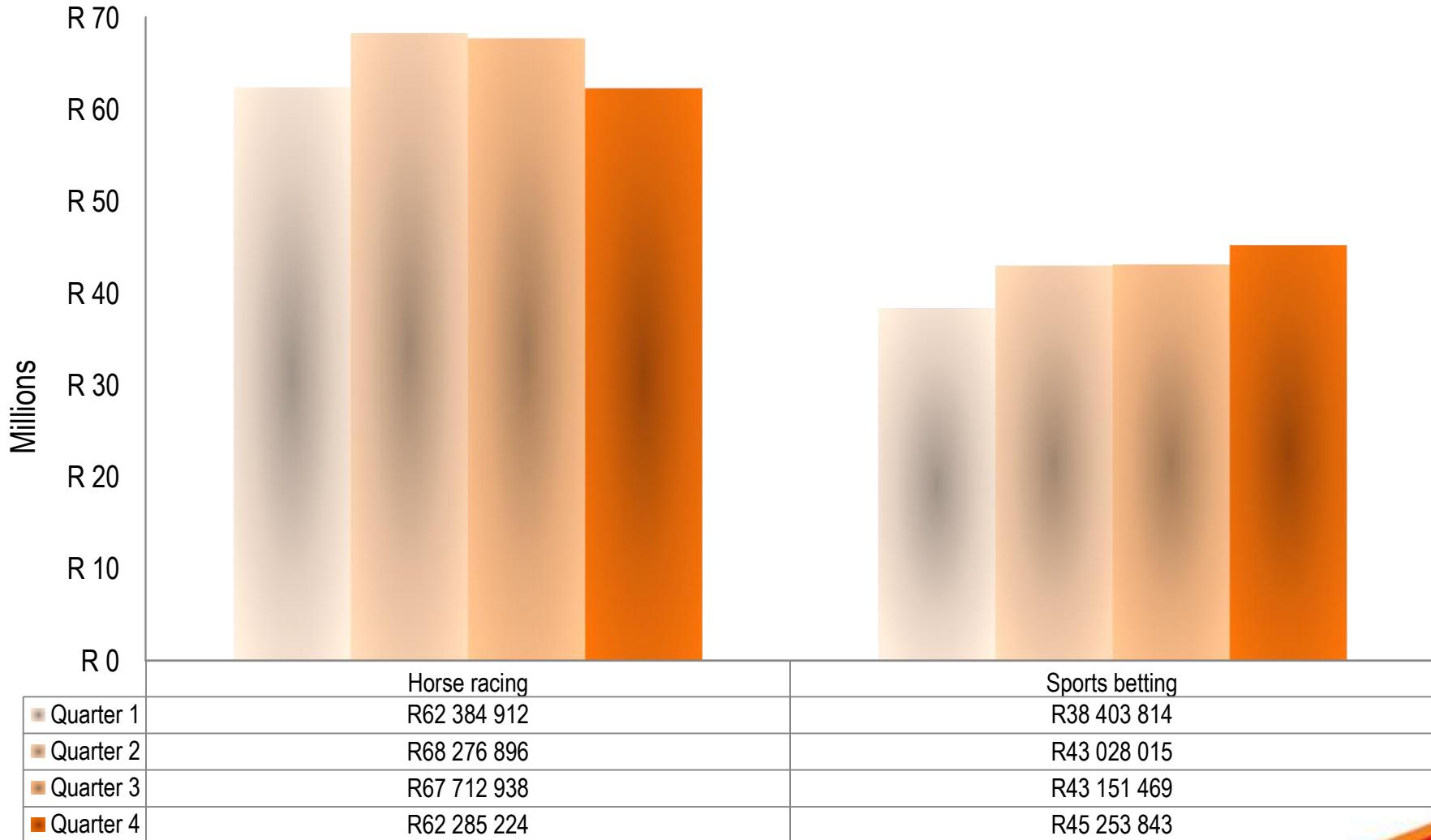


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# Quarterly betting taxes/levies – FY2017

## Split between betting on horse racing & sport

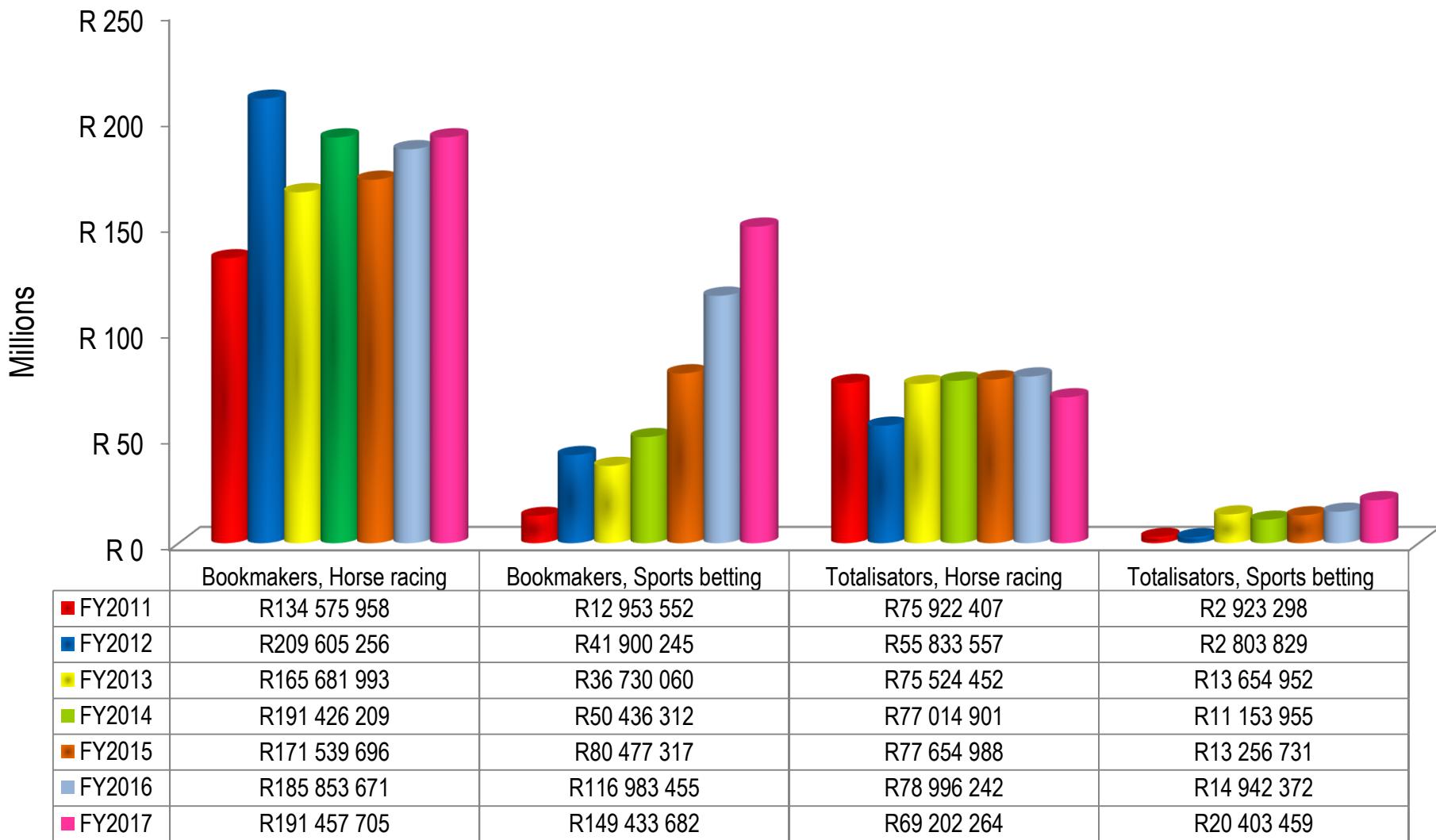
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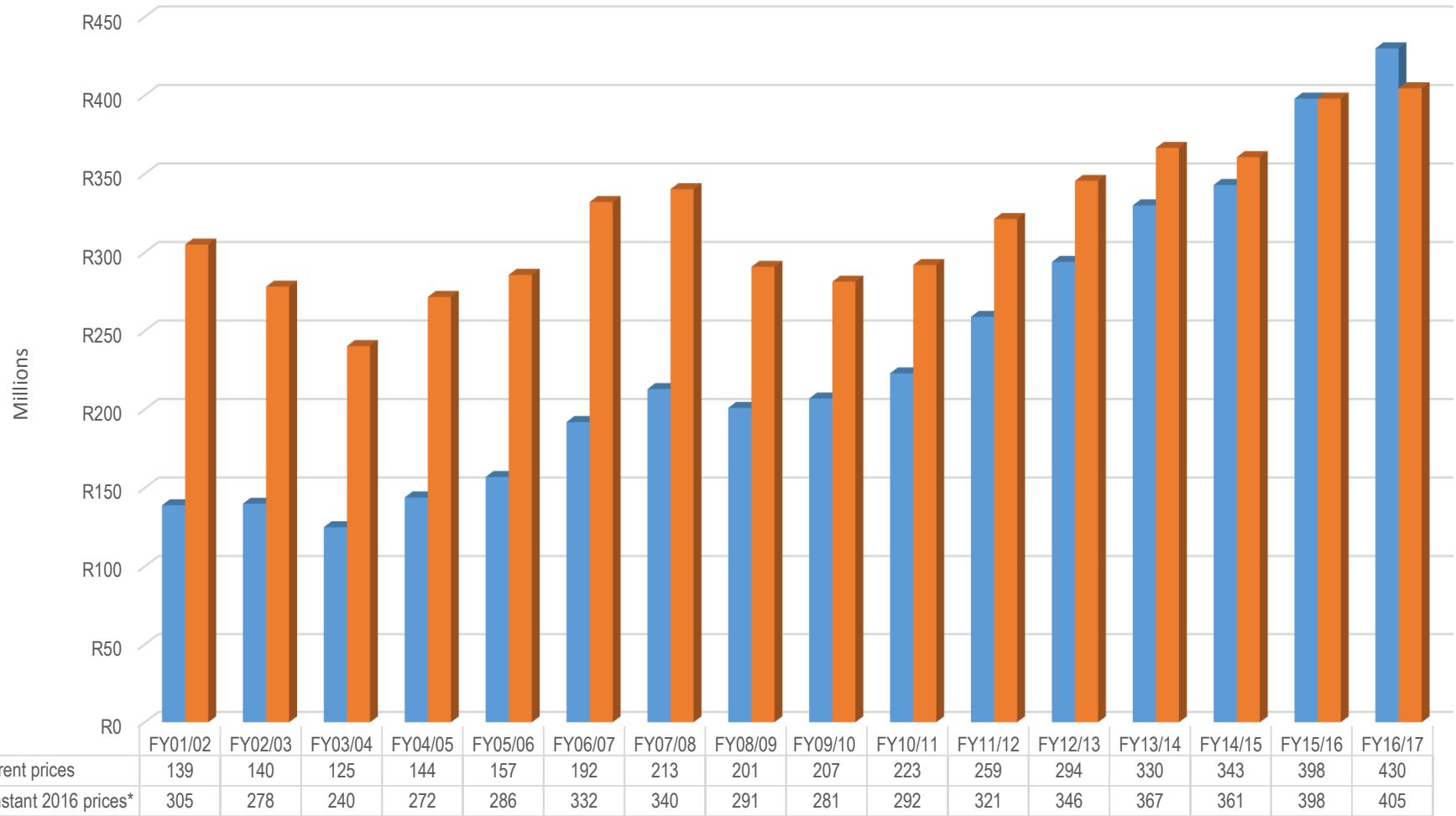
# Trend in taxes/levies, bookmakers & totalisators, FY2011 to FY2017

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# Trend in betting taxes/levies – FY2001/02 to FY2016/17

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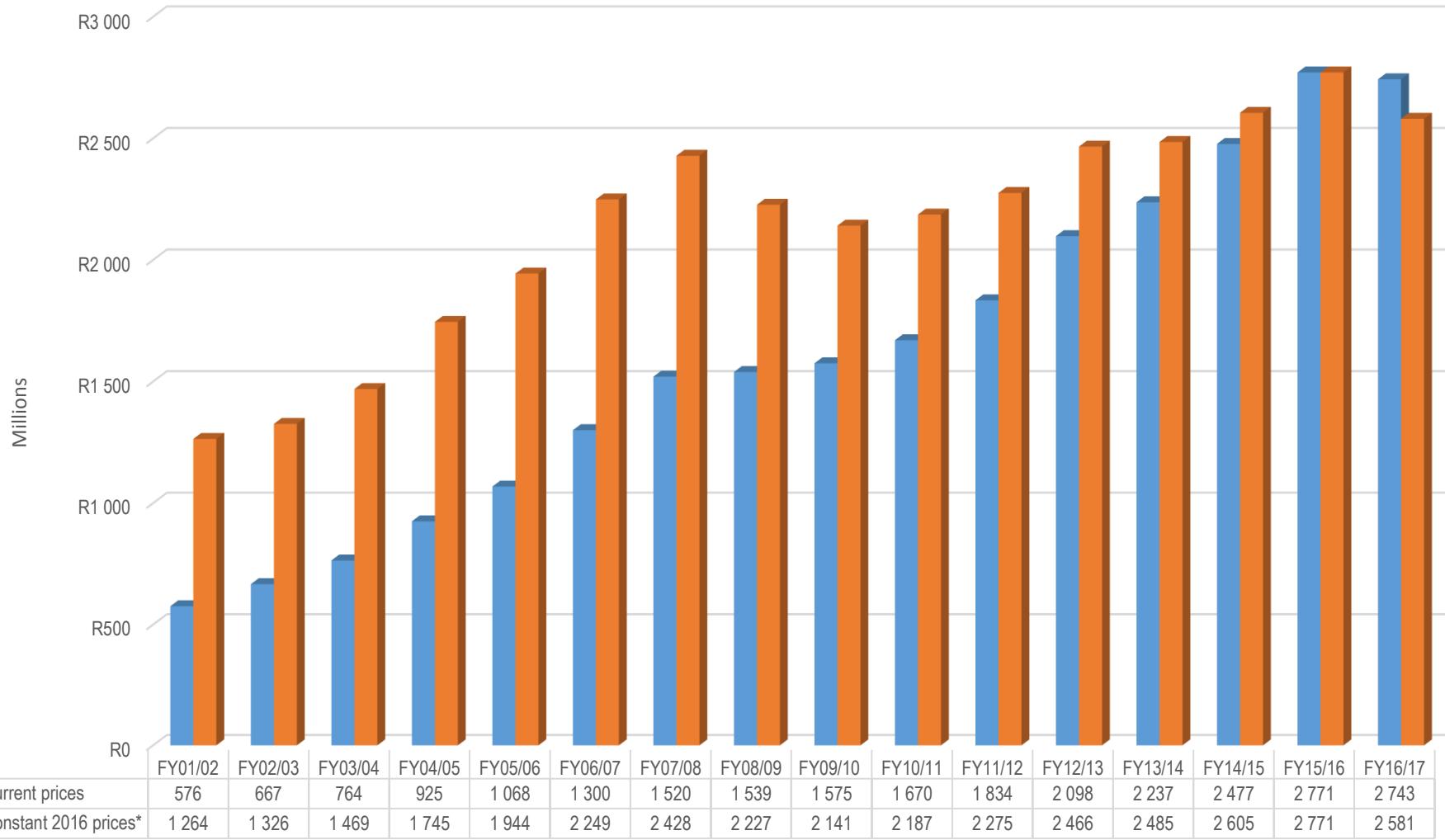


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# Trend in taxes/levies – FY2001/02 to FY2016/17

## (all modes and provinces)

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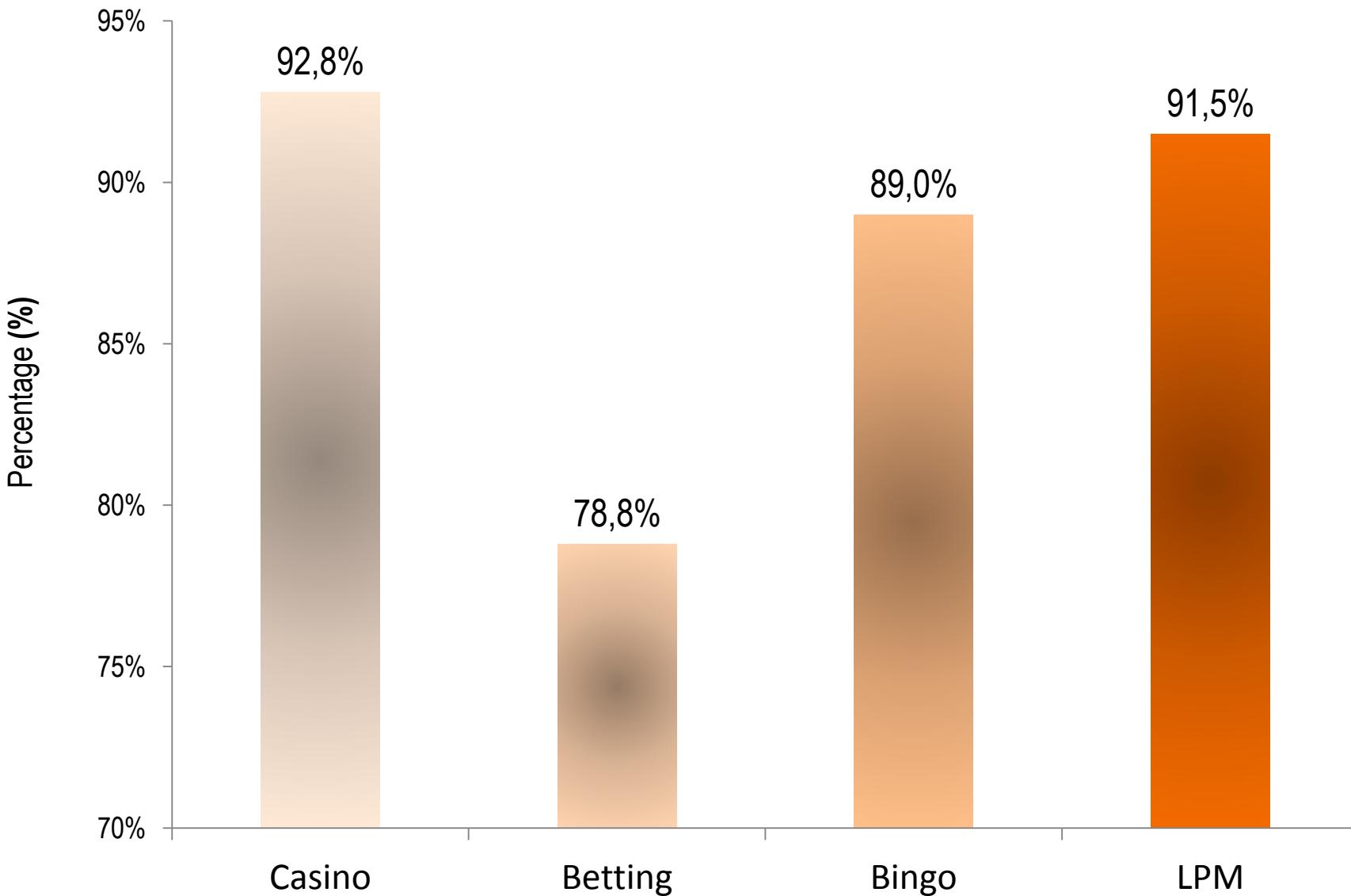
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# **Summary : Taxes/Levies**

- Taxes/levies increased by 6.6% from R2,1 billion in FY2013 to R2,2 billion in FY2014, by 10.7% to R2,5 billion in FY2015, by 11.9% to R2,8 billion in FY2016, and decreased by 1.0% to R2,7 billion in FY2017.
- A total amount of R 2 743 112 930 was collected during FY2017.
- During FY2017 at 66.5%, casinos contributed the highest amount of taxes/levies paid by comparison with other gambling modes.
- Although Gauteng collected the highest amount of taxes/levies relative to casinos (36.3%), betting on horse racing and sport (40.8%), and bingo (70.2%), the highest amount of taxes/levies was collected in Western Cape in the LPM sector (29.8%) during FY2017.

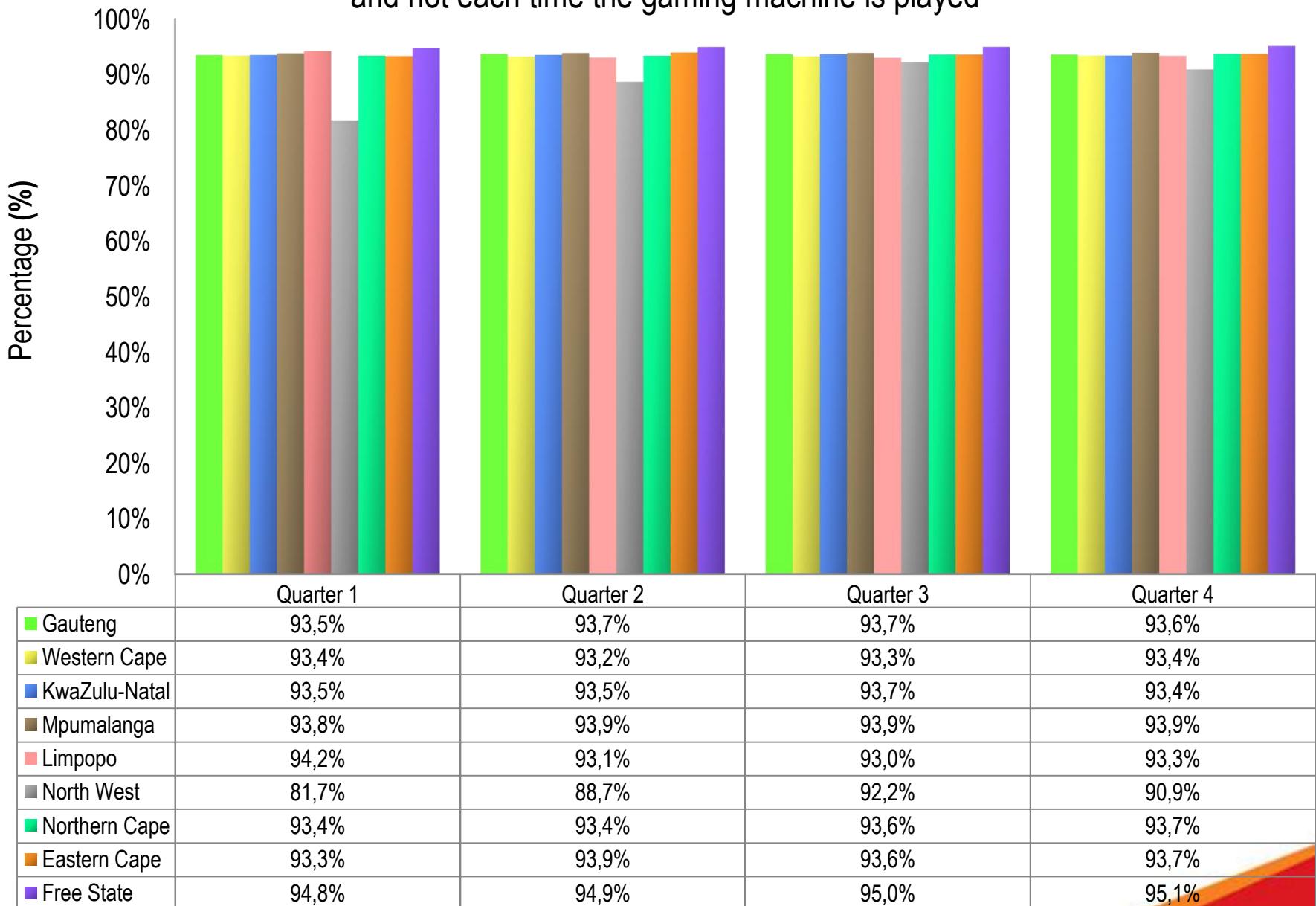
# Average RTP % per gambling mode – FY2017

Return to Player is an average achieved over a significant number of game plays\*  
and not each time the gaming machine is played



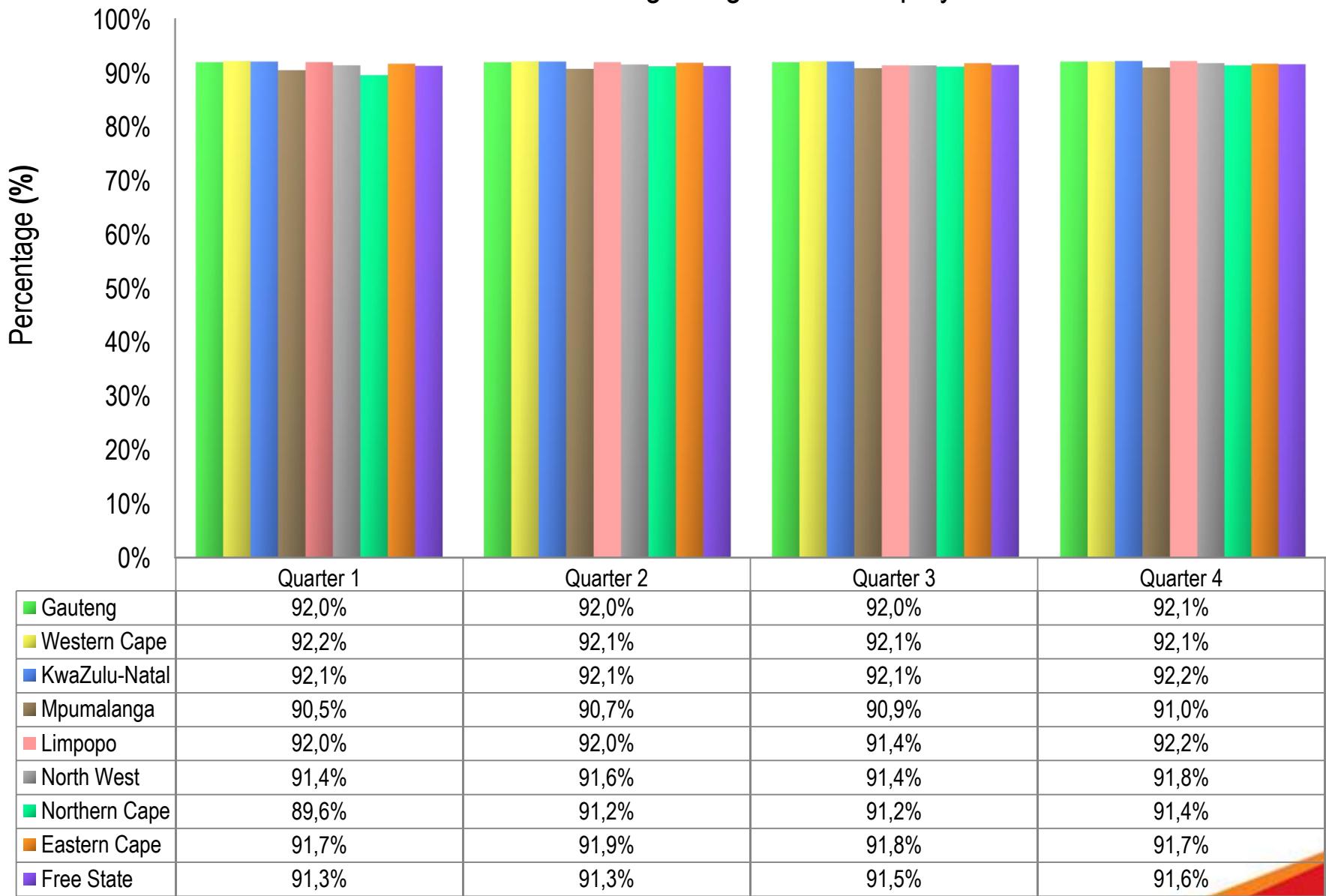
# Quarterly casino RTP % - FY2017

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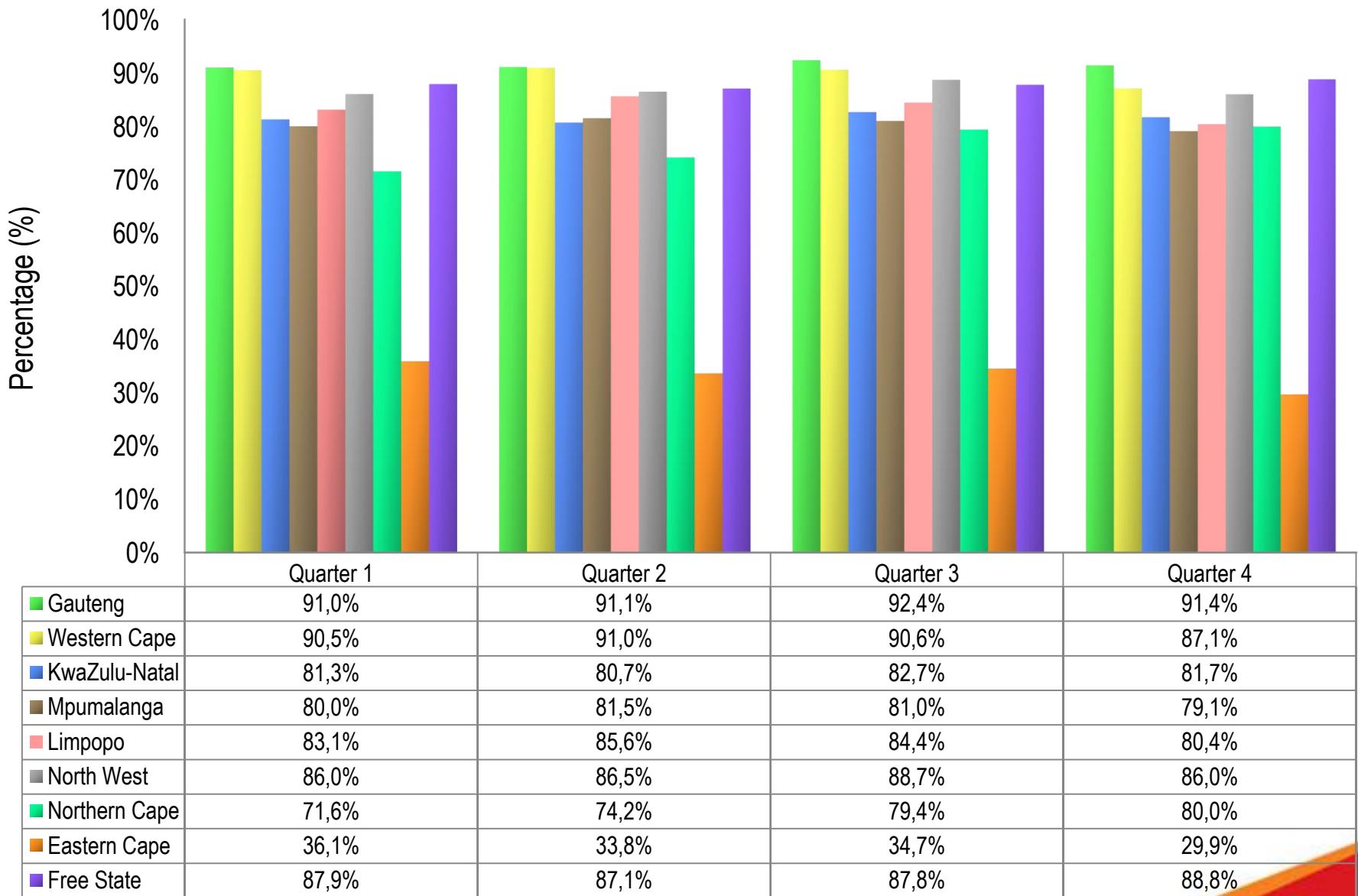
# Quarterly LPM RTP % - FY2017

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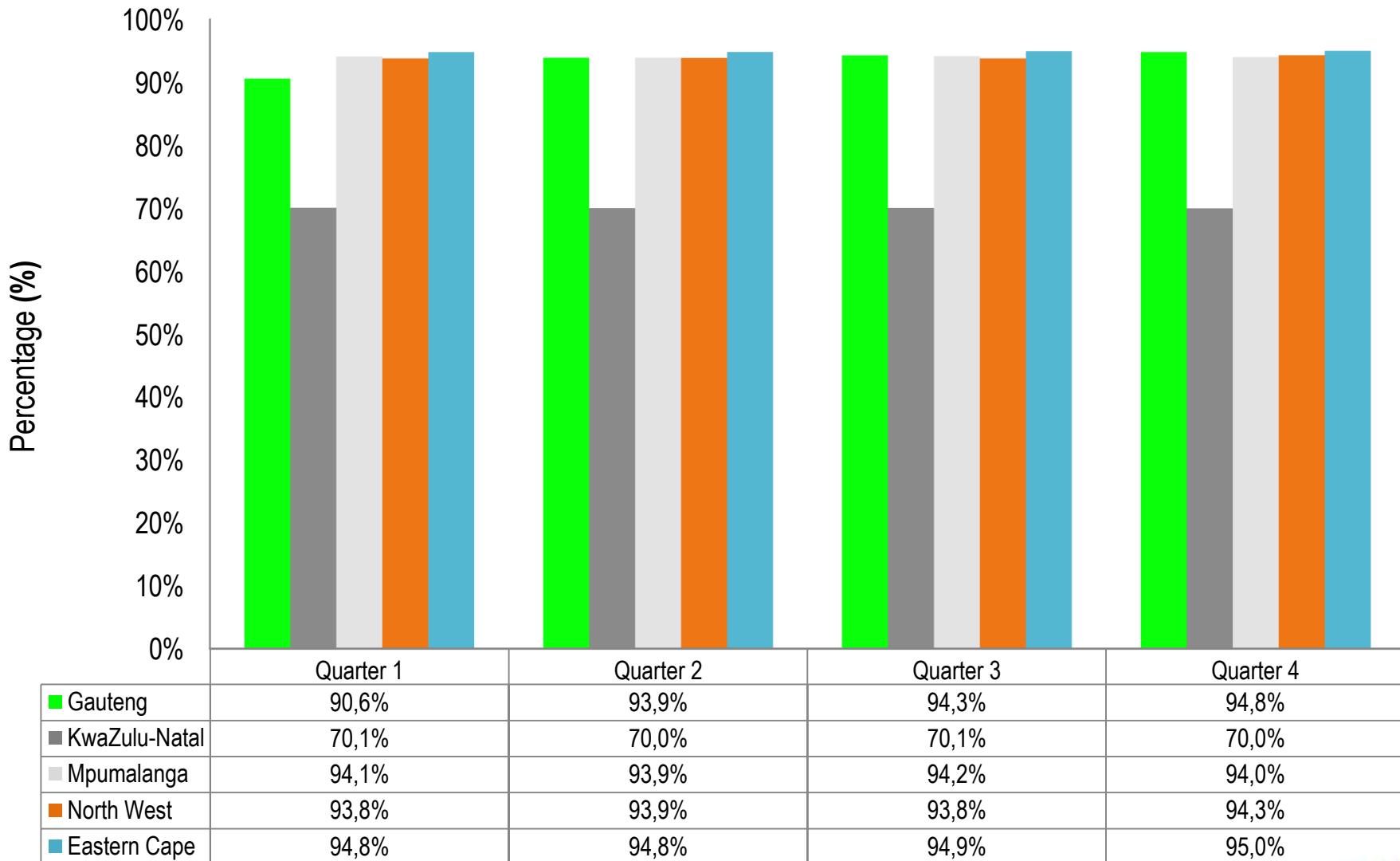
# Quarterly betting RTP % - FY2017

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# Quarterly bingo RTP % - FY2017\*

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# Conclusion

- Overall, growth in terms of GGR declined over the past few years – only 3.8% growth was noted from FY2016 to FY2017, compared to 8.8% (from FY2015 and FY2016) and 9.6% (from FY2014 to FY2015).
- Less taxes/levies were collected during FY2017 compared to FY2016.
- No growth was recorded in the casino industry from FY2016 to FY2017.
- The highest growth in GGR between FY2016 to FY2017 (by 36.6%) was noted in the bingo industry, followed by 14.3% in the betting industry and 14.1% in the LPM industry during the same period.
- Growth is expected in the bingo, LPM and bookmakers offering betting on sport industries.

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