

Questions:

1. Please provide the name of your District Licensing Committee, and a generic email address to which general correspondence will be certain of a response.

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4. The following questions relate to the number of licences and managers' certificates your Committee issued and refused in the 2021-2022 financial year.

Note: the 2021-2022 financial year runs from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

Licences 2021-2022

4A: In the 2021-2022 year, how many total Applications did your committee grant for New 'on licences' and to renew existing 'on licences'? **56**

4B: In the 2021-2022 year, how many total Applications did your committee refuse for New 'on licences' and to renew existing 'on licences'? **0**

4C: In the 2021-2022 year, how many total Applications did your committee grant for New 'off licences' and to renew existing 'off licences'? **45**

4D: In the 2021-2022 year, how many total Applications did your committee refuse for New 'off licences' and to renew existing 'off licences'? **0**

4E: In the 2021-2022 year, how many total Applications did your committee grant for New 'club licences' and to renew existing 'club licences'? **13**

4F: In the 2021-2022 year, how many total Applications did your committee refuse for New 'club licences' and to renew existing 'club licences'? **0**

Managers' certificates 2021-2022

4G: In the 2021-2022 year, how many managers' certificates did your Committee issue? **292**

4H: In the 2021-2022 year, how many applications for managers' certificates did your Committee refuse? **0**

4I: In the 2021-2022 year, how many applications for managers' certificates were withdrawn? **0**

Renewals 2021-2022

4J: In the 2021-2022 year, how many licence renewals did your Committee issue? **94**

4K: In the 2021-2022 year, how many licence renewals did your Committee refuse? **0**

4L: In the 2021-2022 year, how many managers' certificate renewals did your committee issue? **192**

4M: In the 2021-2022 year, how many managers' certificate renewals did your committee refuse? **0**

4N: As at 30 June 2022 what is the total number of On-Licences (new and existing) in your licensing district? **111**

4O: As at 30 June 2022 what is the total number of Off-Licences (new and existing) in your licensing district? **93**

4P: As at 30 June 2022 what is the total number of Club-Licences (new and existing) in your licensing district? **30**

5. Please comment on any changes or trends in the Committee's workload in 2021-2022.

Due to the restriction imposed by the Covid Pandemic there was a noticeable reduction in the number of Special Licences and Manager's Certificate application during this period.

6. Please comment on any new initiatives the Committee has developed/adopted in 2021-2022.

No new initiatives developed in this period.

7A. Has your Committee developed a Local Alcohol Policy? **Yes (The Tasman District Council has a Local Alcohol Policy)**

7B. If the answer is yes, what stage is your Local Alcohol Policy at? **Adopted**

8. If the answer to 7 is Yes, what effect do you consider your Local Alcohol Policy is having?

The LAP restricts trading hours of on-licences to 2am and off-licence to 10pm and restricts number of Special Licences within a six-month therefore reducing alcohol-related harm by reducing availability of alcohol.

9. If the answer to 7A is 'in force', is your Local Alcohol Policy due for review?

No

10. If the answer to 9 is Yes, has such a review been undertaken; and, if so with what result?

The LAP was reviewed in 2020 and adopted without change.

11. Please comment on the manner in which Covid-19 has impacted on DLC operations.

Covid-19 restrictions imposed a need to change how DLC processes were undertaken from in-person meetings of the Chair and the Secretary to consider matters on the papers to using a variety of remote means to accomplish the work needed. No public hearings were required in the period.

12. Please comment on the ways in which you believe the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is, or is not, achieving its object. Note: the object of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is that:

- a) *the sale, supply, and consumption of alcohol should be undertaken safely and responsibly; and*
- b) *the harm caused by the excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol should be minimised.*

To some extent the Act is achieving its object, however some of the factors that would have more impact were omitted from the Act at the time of its adoption. These are: the introduction of minimum pricing per unit of alcohol, restriction of alcohol advertising and sponsorship.

13. To what extent, if any, do you consider that achievement of the object of the Act may have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic?

Evidence suggests that New Zealanders' drinking habits changed during periods of lockdown with many people reporting an increase in their consumption. Businesses that were impacted have become increasingly innovative to find new and different means of selling alcohol. Some of these were not envisioned at the time of drafting of the legislation.

14. What changes or trends in licensing have you seen since the Act came into force?

There has been a reduction in the number of medium sized community occasions applying for a Special Licence. For example; the increase in fees for events for over 400 people largely removed alcohol licences from A&P shows in the Tasman District. The restriction of trading hours for off-licences similarly removed many tavern off-licences in the district.

There is an increasing tendency for applicants to engage legal counsel when appearing before DLCs in public hearings. This puts pressure on the agencies to obtain similar legal support which increases the cost of the whole proceeding. It also has the effect of marginalising objectors concerns at hearings, as they are less likely to be in a position to be similarly represented and potentially intimidating DLCs.

15. What changes to practices and procedures under the Act would you find beneficial?

In order to allow a level playing field at hearings it would be valuable to consider removing the involvement of legal counsel at DLC level.

NB: Additionally, in accordance with the Authority's obligations prescribed in s 65(1) of the Act would you also please provide to ARLA@justice.govt.nz a separate detailed list of the names, addresses and types of licensed premises currently operating in your licensing district?