

LIQUOR RESTRICTIONS — KIMBERLEY AND PILBARA

698. Hon KEN BASTON to the minister representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to a post published by the ABC Kimberley on 25 June 2019 regarding a delay in the introduction of liquor restrictions in Broome.

- (1) Does the 2019–20 budget include any funding to assist Kimberley and Pilbara communities to implement liquor restrictions via the purchase and installation of takeaway alcohol management scanning equipment; and, if yes, what funding is available; and, if not, why not?
- (2) Considering that most takeaway liquor outlets in Kununurra already have scanning equipment called the Takeaway Alcohol Management System—TAMS—has the minister considered trialling a banned drinkers register in that location?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Racing and Gaming.

- (1) Liquor restrictions in areas of the state are either imposed by the Director of Liquor Licensing, after consideration of evidence from stakeholders including police and Health, or can be voluntary in the community. The Pilbara-wide liquor restrictions were imposed by the director; however, they remain subject to legal proceedings. In the Kimberley, the minister is aware that Broome has developed voluntary restrictions of its own accord, for which the town should be commended. The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries does not provide funding for the implementation of liquor restrictions.
- (2) No. The Pilbara region has been selected for a banned drinkers register trial, primarily as part of the McGowan government's west Pilbara plan to assist in reducing harm. In addition, its geographical distance from other areas, potential for uniform liquor restrictions and the absence of competing initiatives that may confuse the results, make the Pilbara an ideal trial site. The state government will consider implementing a banned drinkers register in other areas of the state if the trial proves to be successful or early indications of outcomes are positive.