

BANNED DRINKERS REGISTER TRIAL — PILBARA

119. Hon COLIN HOLT to the minister representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to the proposed trial of a banned drinkers register in the Pilbara.

- (1) Does the trial require legislative change; and, if so, when will that legislation be presented to Parliament?
- (2) If no to (1), does it require only a change to regulations; and, if so, when will those regulations be gazetted?
- (3) If legislation or regulation is not required, how will the trial be enforced?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The Minister for Racing and Gaming has provided the following information.

- (1)–(2) No.
- (3) The current provisions relating to barring notices under section 115AA of the Liquor Control Act 1988 and prohibition orders under part 5A of the Liquor Control Act 1988 will be used as the mechanism to identify banned drinkers. Although licensees' participation in the trial will be voluntary, it is an offence for a licensee to knowingly permit a person issued with a barring notice or a prohibition order to enter or remain on licensed premises. It is also an offence for a person who has been issued with a barring notice or prohibition order to enter or remain on licensed premises. Future legislative amendments may be considered if necessary and if the trial is deemed effective through its evaluation.