

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Chief Minister:

Alcohol Restrictions following the expiration of the Commonwealth Stronger Future legislation

1. Did the Northern Territory Government receive advice from your Department, or any other Agency, that it should not enact comparable alcohol bans under Northern Territory law when the Commonwealth's Stronger Futures legislation lapsed?
2. For what reasons did the Northern Territory Government decide not to enact comparable alcohol bans to commence as soon as the Stronger Futures legislation ceased to be in effect?
3. Consistent with your policy on open and accountable government, who made the decision not to immediately continue the alcohol bans that were previously in place under the Stronger Future legislation?
4. Will you or anyone in your Government accept any responsibility for the subsequent surge in alcohol related crime including assaults, property crime and domestic and family violence which occurred following the expiration of the Stronger Future legislation?
5. Exactly what consultation was done with Aboriginal living areas affected by Stronger Futures legislation to prepare them for the lifting of the alcohol bans?
6. Over what period did this consultation take place? Please provide details on these timeframes.
7. Has the impact of the lifting of the alcohol bans from July 2022 to February 2023 been assessed by your government?
8. What consultation is being undertaken by the Northern Territory Government with those affected communities by the next phase of changes to alcohol restrictions?
9. What changes will be put in place in the next phase of alcohol restrictions?
10. When is this next phase of alcohol restrictions scheduled to come into effect?