

## Estimates Committee 2014

### Questions Taken On Notice

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**From:** Mr Gerry Wood to Treasurer David Tollner  
Dept Business: Alcohol Policy

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**Answer:**

Answered On: 09/07/2014

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**Answer:** A news article by the Daily Telegraph dated 2 June 2014 and titled 'Lockout laws: crime stats show violence spreading outside nightclubs' states:

"The latest Bureau of Crime Statistics for the first quarter of this year show there were six alcohol-fuelled assaults in the Kings Cross police command in March. But there were 45 assaults - 20 alcohol related - outside licensed premises in Kings Cross a month after the lockout laws came into effect. This is nearly double the number of assaults outside licensed premises in February (26).

In the Sydney council area, which includes Kings Cross, attacks in licenced premises increased slightly from 39 to 52 from February to March. But there was a 30 per cent increase in attacks outside with 248 attacks, 116 alcohol related."

The article is attached as Attachment A.

The report was a newspaper article based on Australian Bureau of Statistics data for the first quarter of 2014.

Lockout laws: crime stats show violence spreading outside nightclub... <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/nsw/lockout-laws-crime-sta...>

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## Lockout laws: crime stats show violence spreading outside nightclubs

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Nightclub assaults have dropped since the lockouts, but they have increased outside venues. Picture: Bill Hearne

Source: News Limited

- Fewer attacks in nightclubs since new Kings Cross and city lockout laws
- Attacks outside venues have doubled in one month
- Strict measures designed to curb violence after deaths of Thomas Kelly, Daniel Christie and other violent attacks

**SYDNEY'S controversial lockout laws may just be pushing Kings Cross violence onto the streets according to the latest crime statistics.**

While there has been a decrease in violence in licensed premises in the city's nightclubs, new statistics show it has increased outside them after the lockouts which were sparked by the deaths of Thomas Kelly and Daniel Christie and other violent attacks.



Killed: Thomas Kelly.

Source: News Limited



Coward-punch victim Daniel Christie.

Source: Supplied

Eighteen-year-old Daniel Christie died 11 days after being attacked on Victoria St, Potts Point on New Year's Eve last year. Twenty-five-year-old bodybuilder Shaun McNeil has been charged with his murder.

Thomas Kelly, also 18, died after being hit on Victoria St, Kings Cross, in July 2012, while talking on his mobile phone and walking with his girlfriend. His parents chose to turn off his life-support machine. Kieran Loveridge was jailed for years for manslaughter in November last year.

#### **KINGS CROSS STRUGGLING TO ADAPT TO NEW BOOZE LOCKOUTS**

(<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/nsw/kings-cross-struggling-to-adapt-to-the-new-booze-lockouts/story-fni0cx12-1226936471263>)

#### **NEW YEAR'S EVE COWARD-PUNCH VICTIM DANIEL CHRISTIE DIES**

(<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/nsw/new-years-eve-coward-punch-victim-daniel-christie-dies-but-his-family-do-not-want-his-death-to-be-in-vain-as-they-call-for-change/story-fni0cx12-1226799602482>)

#### **NEW CAMERAS IN THE WAKE OF THOMAS KELLY KING-HIT DEATH**

(<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/nsw/sydney-under-watch-new-cameras-in-the-wake-of-thomas-kellys-kinghit-death/story-fni0cx12-1226777921307>)





A man is restrained following a weekend fight at the Kings Cross Hotel. Picture: Gordon McComiskie  
Source: News Corp Australia

The latest Bureau of Crime Statistics for the first quarter of this year show there were six alcohol-fuelled assaults in the Kings Cross police command in March. But there were 45 assaults — 20 alcohol-related — outside licensed premises in Kings Cross a month after the lockout laws came into effect. This is nearly double the number of assaults outside licensed premises in February (26).

In the Sydney council area, which includes King Cross, attacks in licensed premises increased slightly from 39 to 52 from February to March. But there was a 30 per cent increase in attacks outside with 248 attacks, 116 alcohol-related.

Across the state, assaults in licensed premises went up from 294 to 319 from February to March and by 14 per cent to 2577 outside them.





Police interview witnesses after this man, far left, was allegedly set upon by a group of as many as 15 men in Broughton Lane Kings Cross, which runs off Victoria St Kings Cross at the weekend. Picture: Gordon McComiskie

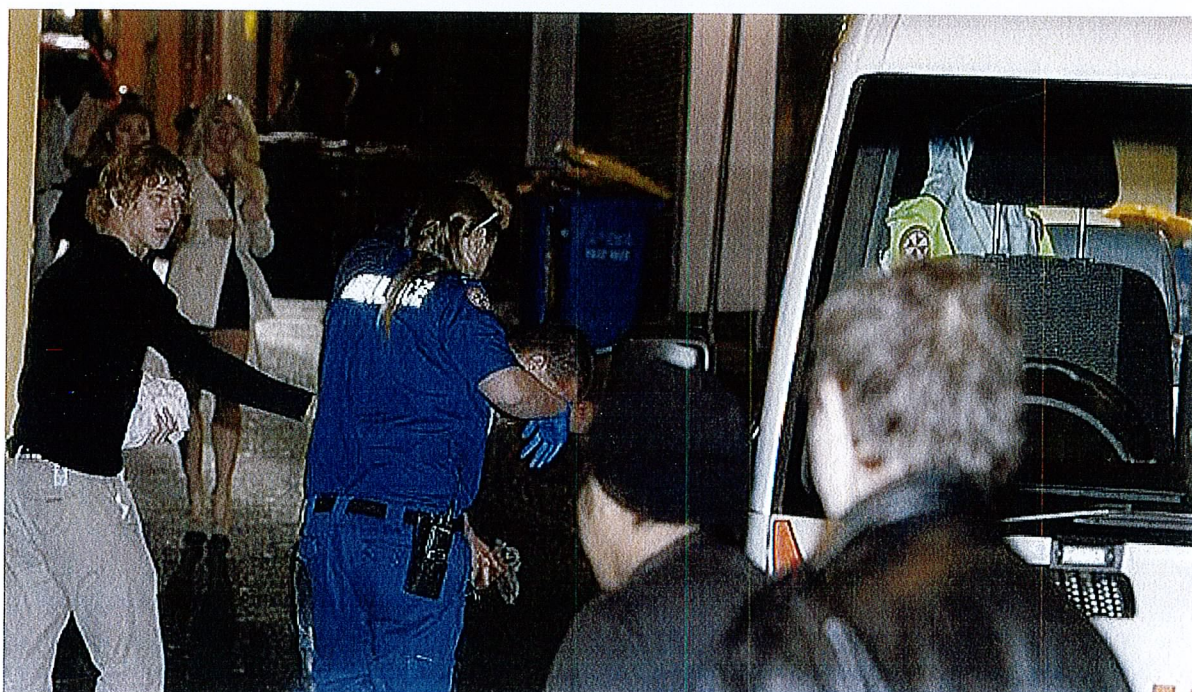
Source: News Corp Australia

The bureau said assaults on licensed premises had fallen 5.6 per cent in the past two years to March in NSW, 15.1 per cent in Sydney and 30.5 per cent in Kings Cross.

"We have continuing falls on licensed premises, but the drop in outside-of-premise assaults seems to have stalled," Don Weatherburn, director of the Bureau of Crime Statistics, said.

"But it's too soon to tell. One month isn't enough, the numbers jump around a little bit."

In disturbing news domestic violence has increased by 2.5 per cent in the two years to March along with indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences up 12.1 per cent.



The man attacked in Broughton Lane at the weekend is helped to an ambulance. Picture: Gordon McComiskie

Source: News Corp Australia

Increases in domestic assault were highest in the outer west and Blue Mountains up (14.3 per cent), south west (up 13.0 per cent), inner south west (up 8.8 per cent) and city and inner south (up 5.1 per cent).

The bureau said the increase in domestic-violence-related assault may be an increased willingness of victims to report abuse but an increase in grievous bodily harm from domestic abuse shows abuse is on the rise.

Girls aged 17 years or under comprise 84 per cent of the increase in victims of sexual offences.

The Bureau said increase in this offence probably reflects a combination of seasonal effects (indecent assault is more common in the summer months) and heightened media attention being given to the issue of child sexual abuse.

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