

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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Portfolio: Racing, Gaming and Licensing

Agency: Industry, Tourism and Trade

Subject: Liquor licence amendments in last 12 months

QUESTION:

How many amendments to liquor licences have been approved in the last 12 months?

ANSWER:

During the 2019-20 financial year, the Liquor Commission approved nine licence condition variations.

Another nine applications for material alterations were approved. These are applications where licensees seek to make structural changes to venues or increase their approved liquor licenced area.

Additionally, the Director made four variations to licensing conditions under his emergency powers in the *Liquor Act 2019*. All were made in the context of the COVID-19 response:

1. allowed takeaway alcohol with takeaway meals – remains current
2. suspended takeaway alcohol sales for hire vehicles in drive-through bottle shops – 3 April 2020 to 26 June 2020
3. requires customers to have a legitimate place to consume liquor – remains current
4. extended licence footprints to assist with social distancing requirements – remains current.