



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 115

## WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Minister for Health, Hon Steven Edgington MLA:

### Alcohol Policy

- 1. What is the government doing to monitor the impact of the removal of the MUP and whether we see harms increase as a result of this policy change? What evaluation mechanism is in place to gather data about the impact of the removal of MUP?**

The following indicators are used by the NT Government to measure alcohol-related harm:

- 1) overall consumption rate;
- 2) drink driving;
- 3) alcohol-related emergency department presentations;
- 4) alcohol attributable instances of serious road injury and death;
- 5) alcohol-related assaults;
- 6) domestic violence alcohol-related assaults; and
- 7) alcohol-induced deaths.

This data is monitored by relevant Agencies and the cross-government Alcohol Policy Taskforce and is publicly available via the Alcohol Policy in the Northern Territory webpage.

- 2. Please explain how access to \$6 bottles of wine and \$14 casks contributes to minimizing harms?**

In the Northern Territory, the most problematic drinkers are not responsive to pricing measures and will pay whatever it costs. For this consumer group, alcohol consumption is often prioritised over the need for other essential goods, including food.

This government is focusing on a combined suite of measures to reduce alcohol-related harm, which will include pricing measures. Our commitment is to reduce crime and target problematic drinking. The measures will focus on people whose alcohol use harms others, and changes will be aimed at specific problematic behaviours. Pricing measures will form part of the response, but in a targeted way via liquor accords and using community alcohol management plans.