

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Wood to the Minister for Business

#### Licensing Commission

1. For the years 2011/12 and 2012/13 (until 21 October 2013):

a. How many licensing inspectors are employed?

The Northern Territory Licensing Commission (NTLC) is an independent statutory authority and does not employ staff. Licensing Inspectors are employed by the Gambling and Licensing Services Division of the Department of Business (DoB).

There are 25 Licensing Inspectors.

b. Are all inspectors, licensing inspectors for alcohol premises?

All inspectors are appointed as inspectors pursuant to the *Liquor Act* (as well as several others).

2. Where are they employed in the NT?

Darwin 14, Alice Springs 8, Katherine 2 and Tennant Creek 1.

3. How many licensed premises are there in the CBD?

40. Further information is provided at Attachment A.

4. What are the names and addresses of those premises?

This information is also provided in Attachment A.

5. What is the opening and closing hours of these premises including any lockdown times?

This information is also provided in Attachment A.

6. Are lockdown times legislated?

Yes – lockouts are a licence condition imposed by the NTLC pursuant to their powers under the *Liquor Act*.

7. For the years 2011/12 and 2012/13 (until 21 October 2013):

a. Which premises in the CBD were inspected?

The majority of venues in the CBD were inspected, many several times. Some low risk venues, such as restaurants and supermarkets, were not visited.

b. What days they were inspected?

Days and times vary, however the majority of late night visits occur on Friday or Saturday nights, while other compliance visits can occur on any day, generally during opening hours. Many visits are targeted as a result of intelligence received or if a venue is holding a special event.

c. What hours on those days were they inspected?

Various – see response to 7(b) above.

8. Is there a Code of Conduct for licensed premises in Mitchell Street and the Darwin CBD? If so, when was the Code written?

There is a Darwin CBD Liquor Accord which was established in March 2011.

9. What is the Code of Conduct?

A copy of the Darwin CBD Liquor Accord is provided at Attachment B.

10. Which licensed premises signed the Code of Conduct?

This information is noted in the Accord document, and now also includes Hotel Darwin.

11. Were there any breaches of the Code of Conduct since it was written and what were those breaches?

The Liquor Accord is a voluntary agreement between venues; it is not administered by the NTLC.

12. Are there any penalties for breaching the Code or is it just a guideline?

The Liquor Accord is a voluntary agreement between licensees.