

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Yan to the Minister for Racing, Gaming and Licensing:

BDR and Restricted Premises

Questions:

1. How many people are on the Banned Drinker Register (by region)?

As at 31 March 2021, there were 3,483 people on the Banned Drinker Register (BDR).

The BDR is not reported by regions as there are multiple pathways onto the BDR and there is no reliable way to determine the region accurately in each circumstance. It would require an onerous administrative burden and divert resources from service delivery.

2. What support services are being provided to these people to rehabilitate them and if applicable, help them break their addiction?

A range of therapeutic support options are available across the Northern Territory from prevention, screening and early intervention to specialist therapeutic services.

For people with a ban of 6 months or more, the BDR Registrar offers a specialist assessment and a specialist clinician can assist the person access the best form of therapeutic support.

People who are on a shorter ban can also request an assessment or can self-refer to a therapeutic service at any time.

3. How many restricted premises (by region) have been registered in the last year?

From 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021, the total number of restricted premises approved is 96.

The number per region is:

- Alice Springs - 26
- Tennant Creek - 8
- Katherine - 17
- Darwin – 45

4. Does the Attorney General agree more needs to be done to increase restricted premises?

This question should be directed to the Attorney-General.