

BANNED DRINKERS REGISTER TRIAL — KIMBERLEY

353. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to the banned drinkers register trial underway in the Kimberley and Pilbara.

- (1) How many people are currently listed on the banned drinkers register across the Kimberley and Pilbara?
- (2) How many residents from the following regions have been added to the register since the trial commenced in each location:
 - (a) the Kimberley; and
 - (b) the Pilbara?
- (3) On average, how long does it take for a person identified as a potential banned drinker to be placed on the register and therefore restricted from purchasing alcohol?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I provide the following response on behalf of the Minister for Racing and Gaming. This answer was correct as at Tuesday, 22 June.

- (1) It is 74.
- (2)
 - (a) There are 29 Kimberley residents now on the banned drinkers register compared with 13 people on 1 May 2021.
 - (b) There are 45 Pilbara residents now on the banned drinkers register compared with 27 people on 1 December 2020.
- (3) There are three pathways for someone to be placed on the banned drinkers register —
 - (a) Barring notices are issued by the Commissioner of Police. This part of the question will need to be directed to the Minister for Police.
 - (b) Prohibition orders are issued by the director of Liquor Licensing on application by the Commissioner of Police. I am advised that the average processing time for a prohibition order to be issued by the director is 36 days from the date the application is lodged by the Commissioner of Police. This time frame includes procedural fairness processes.
 - (c) A person may apply to the director of Liquor Licensing to be placed on the banned drinkers register. I am advised that the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries actions these requests within five days of the request being received.