

ENTERTAINMENT VENUES — GLASSING INCIDENTS

6298. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Racing and Gaming

In relation to alcohol fuelled violence resulting in continual glassing incidents in entertainment venues (pubs and clubs), I ask:

- (a) how many pubs and clubs have accepted to voluntarily adopt the system of using tempered or shatterproof glass;
- (b) how many people have been glassed since the Minister's announcement of an agreement with Australian Hotels Association (Western Australia) on the voluntary introduction of safer glass-ware; and
- (c) will the Minister consider imposing glass restrictions (especially after 11.30 pm) on clubs or pubs that have repeated occurrences of glassing incidents?

Mr T.K. WALDRON replied:

- (a) Given the voluntary nature of this industry based initiative, this information is not available to the liquor licensing authority. However anecdotal evidence from industry sources suggests that a high proportion of glassware now being supplied to licensed premises is made from tempered glass.
- (b) The number of assaults involving glassing is a matter for the WA Police.
- (c) The Minister for Racing and Gaming has no jurisdiction to impose conditions on liquor licences under the Liquor Control Act. The Director of Liquor Licensing, who is empowered to do so under the Act, will consider such action on a case by case basis where the circumstances of a particular premises warrants it and the Government supports the Director exercising this responsibility.