

BANNED DRINKERS REGISTER — LEONORA AND LAVERTON

1029. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

- (1) How many people in Leonora and Laverton have been placed on the banned drinkers register?
- (2) Given the police commissioner's comments about the success of the cashless debit card in the ABC online article of 27 July 2022, "Labor's bill to end cashless debit card sparks mixed feelings, alcohol misuse fears in remote WA", what extra resources are being deployed to the communities where the card is about to be withdrawn? This question was asked on 19 September.
- (3) Does the minister agree with the commissioner's comments regarding the cashless debit card; and, if not, why not?

The PRESIDENT: Before I give the call to the minister, the last part of that question seeks an opinion. I will give the call to the minister in an attempt to answer.

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Police.

- (1) The banned drinkers register falls within the responsibilities of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. The question should therefore be referred to the Minister for Racing and Gaming.
- (2) The Western Australia Police Force advises that there is no requirement for additional policing resources to be allocated to the communities referenced in the honourable member's question.
- (3) Opinions cannot be asked for in questions.