

INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES — ALCOHOL RESTRICTIONS

128. Hon WILSON TUCKER to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to comments made by the Premier regarding potential alcohol restrictions in Carnarvon. Can the Premier please clarify the following —

- (1) What mechanism is being contemplated by the government?
- (2) Will an expansion of the banned drinkers register be a component of any restrictions?
- (3) Will restrictions include other towns in the Gascoyne and midwest regions?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(3) The state government is considering a number of options to tackle alcohol-related harm and protect vulnerable Western Australians.

We are currently strengthening the banned drinkers register trial, and proposed reforms are set to come into effect midyear. We are also reviewing Western Australia's liquor laws to introduce a range of reforms to further reduce alcohol-related harm in the community.

There is no easy fix. It is a longstanding, complex issue. We are committed to working with local communities and industry, but we need them to play a meaningful role.