

QUESTIONS FOR DLC ANNUAL REPORTS – 1 JULY 2022 to 30 JUNE 2023

Questions:

1. Please provide the name of your District Licensing Committee, and a generic email address to which general correspondence will be certain of a response.

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4. The following questions relate to the number of licences and managers' certificates your Committee issued and refused in the 2022-2023 financial year.

Note: the 2022-2023 financial year runs from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Licences 2022-2023

4A: In the 2022-2023 year, how many total Applications did your committee grant for New 'on licences' and to renew existing 'on licences'?

- 31

4B: In the 2022-2023 year, how many total Applications did your committee refuse for New 'on licences' and to renew existing 'on licences'?

- 0

4C: In the 2022-2023 year, how many total Applications did your committee grant for New 'off licences' and to renew existing 'off licences'

- 17

4D: In the 2022-2023 year, how many total Applications did your committee refuse for New 'off licences' and to renew existing 'off licences'

- 0

4E: In the 2022-2023 year, how many total Applications did your committee grant for New 'club licences' and to renew existing 'club licences'

- 7

4F: In the 2022-2023 year, how many total Applications did your committee refuse for New 'club licences' and to renew existing 'club licences'

- 0

Managers' certificates 2022-2023

4G: In the 2022-2023 year, how many managers' certificates did your Committee issue?

- 101

4H: In the 2022-2023 year, how many applications for managers' certificates did your Committee refuse?

- 0

4I: In the 2022-2023 year, how many applications for managers' certificates were withdrawn?

- 13

Renewals 2022-2023

4J: In the 2022-2023 year, how many licence renewals did your Committee issue?

- 45

4K: In the 2022-2023 year, how many licence renewals did your Committee refuse?

- 0

4L: In the 2022-2023 year, how many managers' certificate renewals did your committee issue?

- 115

4M: In the 2022-2023 year, how many managers' certificate renewals did your committee refuse?

- 0

4N: As at 30 June 2023 what is the total number of On-Licences (new and existing) in your licensing district?

- 64 (includes 3 ceased trading but underlying licence remains in place)

4O: As at 30 June 2023 what is the total number of Off-Licences (new and existing) in your licensing district?

- 51

4P: As at 30 June 2023 what is the total number of Club-Licences (new and existing) in your licensing district?

- 30

5. Please comment on any changes or trends in the Committee's workload in 2022-2023.

DLC Chairperson:

I can't make any direct comparisons as I was not on the previous Committee. However I do note last year there were no Hearings and this year there have been four. As the Kapiti Coast population grows so is the demand for facilities that may incorporate the sale of alcohol as a part of their business. We have seen a proliferation of cafes and restaurants with various liquor licensing requirements. This seems to be a trend that is likely to continue, particularly as tourism to the Kapiti Coast increases. In the last year tourism to Kapiti has grown 19% from pre-covid data.

6. Please comment on any new initiatives the Committee has developed/adopted in 2022-2023.

DLC Chairperson:

We have met as a group twice to discuss updates in legislation, and to clarify issues that commonly arise. As Chair of the Kapiti Coast DLC of have met and spoken with my counterparts at the Horowhenua and Porirua City DLCs and this has given us all insights into prevailing trends. There has also been an extensive training day for Committee members. The size of the Committee has also been expanded by three, partly in anticipation of two retiring members in December 2023.

Additionally we are looking to institute more specific timelines for Hearing decisions (more in line with Commissioner timelines)

7. Has your Committee developed a Local Alcohol Policy?

No

8. If the answer to **7** is 'in force', what effect do you consider your Local Alcohol Policy is having?

9. If the answer to **7** is 'in force', is your Local Alcohol Policy due for review?

If the answer to **9A** is Yes, has such a review been undertaken; and, if so with what result?

10. Please comment on the ways in which you believe the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is, or is not, achieving its object. Note: the object of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is that:

a) *the sale, supply, and consumption of alcohol should be undertaken safely and responsibly; and*

b) the harm caused by the excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol should be minimised.

DLC Chairperson:

It is largely achieving its aim on the Kapiti Coast. Monitoring mechanisms seem to be working well and the relationships between the Inspectors, the Police, and industry representatives appears to be positive. We have been fortunate to have two experienced and highly skilled Inspectors who have an excellent understanding of the Act and a sound knowledge of the state of the industry on the Kapiti Coast. This institutional knowledge has been valuable to the Kapiti DLC.

It is difficult to answer for the country as a whole but deficiencies were identified by the controlling Minister (now former Minister) who introduced many measures to tighten up the Act.

The "Community participation" legislative changes were largely endorsed by the Kapiti Council and the Kapiti DLC with a few exceptions.

11. What changes or trends in licensing have you seen since the Act came into force?

DLC Chairperson:

Supermarkets tend to be a dominating force in retail alcohol sales. Kapiti has a fairly broad variety of retail outlets and there has not been a concentration of these in particular areas. This is not the case in many parts of the country where poorer communities appear to have been targeted with negative outcomes as a consequence. Also refer back to Q5

Licensing Inspector:

- High alcohol theft from supermarkets and bottle stores.
- Supermarkets having higher discounted products online and the ability for public to think they have added alcohol to their shopping cart without any ID prompts at all. Countdown has wine on special for 33% discount and higher alcohol beer at around \$2.95 to \$3.50 for a large single can.
- Supermarkets selling other products ie Sake, stones green ginger wine.
- More applications for remote off licences which require bare minimum of checking for sales to prohibited persons. There is not even a level playing field for Off licensed premises vs Remote Off licences when it comes to enforcing checks for prohibited persons. Off licensed premises have higher overheads and are subject to stricter monitoring/compliance checks completed by Agencies, whereas Remote licensees do not experience these costs.
- Alcohol purchased online being left at the front door when no one is home.
- Other businesses dropping off remote sales alcohol, do their delivery drivers have any training? eg Hells Pizza or Deliver Easy.

12. What changes to practices and procedures under the Act (if any) would you find beneficial?

DLC Chairperson:

The ability for the community and community members to raise objections would be beneficial. The absence of lawyers' direct involvement in the proceedings of Hearings will, in my opinion, make it less stressful for community members to participate.

Licensing Inspector:

- All councils using MBIE Business Connect platform for licence application process, prescribed form to be adjusted to allow councils meet their requirements for producing informed reports and allowing public more information.
- Increase the licence application and annual fees and review regularly going forward.