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The Secretary
Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority
Tribunals Unit
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Questions:

- 1. Please provide the name of your District Licensing Committee.**
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4. The following questions relate to the number of licences and managers' certificates your Committee issued and refused in the 2023-2024 financial year.

Note: the 2023-2024 financial year runs from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

Licences 2023-2024

In the 2023-2024 year, how many new 'on licences' did your Committee grant? **107**

In the 2023-2024 year, how many applications for new 'on licences' did your Committee refuse? **0**

In the 2023-2024 year, how many new 'off licences' did your Committee grant? **25**

In the 2023-2024 year, how many applications for new 'off licences' did your Committee refuse? **0**

In the 2023-2024 year, how many new club licences did your Committee grant? **4**

In the 2023-2024 year, how many applications for club licences did your Committee refuse? **0**

Managers' certificates 2023-2024

In the 2023-2024 year, how many new managers' certificates did your Committee grant? **836**

In the 2023-2024 year, how many applications for managers' certificates did your Committee refuse? **0**

Renewals 2023-2024

In the 2023-2024 year, how many licence renewals did your Committee grant?

On = 203

Off = 87

Club = 22

How many applications for the renewal of managers certificates did your committee refuse?
0

How many applications for the renewal of managers certificates did your committee grant?

1062

In the 2023-2024 year, how many licence renewals did your Committee refuse? **0**

As at 30 June 2023 what is the total number of licences (new and existing in your licensing district?)

On-licences	Off-licences	Club licences
712	266	120

Total 1098

5. Please comment on any changes or trends in the Committee’s workload in 2023-2024.

In the reporting year commencing 1 July 2023 and ending on 30 June 2024 the District Licensing Committee was referred 3818 application files for determination (530 New/Renewal premises licences, 1885 Manager Certificates, 1213 Special Licences, 143 Temporary Authorities). Of those applications that were determined during the reporting period 54 were set down for a public hearing.

6. Please comment on any new initiatives the Committee has developed/adopted in 2023-2024.

The Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Community Participation) Amendment Act 2023 became effective in parts from 31 August 2023 and in other parts from 30 May 2024. The District Licensing Committee is applying these changes to hearing and decisions accordingly.

7. Has your Committee developed a Local Alcohol Policy?

No

7A. If the answer is yes, what stage is your Local Alcohol Policy at?

N/A

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

N/A

9. If the answer to 7A is ‘in force’, is your Local Alcohol Policy due for review?

N/A

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

N/A

11. 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.

The District Licensing Committee has noted that there is a recurring theme in matters before the Committee and that the absence of an LAP is hindering the achievement of the object of the Act. The perception is that the Act has in effect made it impractical and unattainable to achieve a LAP in the larger centres in reasonable time and at reasonable cost.

An LAP is considered an important tool to achieving the object of the Act, and the lack of one is a frustration to minimising alcohol-related harm in the Committee's view.

Note I have left this in from previous years as it is still relevant.

Council is now looking at progressing an LAP.

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

We are still seeing increase in the number of online remote sales. There is an increase in the number of public objections (particularly in relation to off-licence applications). There are more applications going to DLC hearings for determinations.

13. What changes to practices and procedures under the Act would you find beneficial?

No comment made.