



Inquiry into Canberra's Night-Time Economy

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

Addressed to: Minister for the Night-Time Economy

In relation to: Data on anti-social behaviour

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Mr Josh Rynehart took on notice the following question(s):

THE CHAIR: On the alcohol related anti-social behaviour, do you have something you can table, or provide on notice, information statistics about those sort of levels?

Ms Cheyne: From the time or from the reviews?

THE CHAIR: Well over the past 18 months, over the past two years?

Mr Rynehart: Happy to take on notice to what we can provide what we can.

THE CHAIR: Yes.

Mr Rynehart: I am just conscious that it may cross a range of ACT policing and others. But certainly we will have a look.

THE CHAIR: It is a request, not a demand. But it would be useful.

Mr Rynehart: Yes.

Ms Cheyne: Let us, if we can just be a bit flexible in exactly what we can provide, just given we have a five-day turnaround. So let us, we will reach out to policing and see what they have to hand, and what we have to hand. And how we can present that meaningfully.

THE CHAIR: Okay. Thank you, very much. And then if there is—whether or not that is sliced into alcohol versus how—what other substance related harm. Because there was conversations about that and comparisons about that earlier on today.

Ms Cheyne: I heard Mr Shannon's descriptions of what happens when you are on meth.

THE CHAIR: Yes, that would be interesting as well.

Ms Cheyne: Methamphetamine.

THE CHAIR: How methamphetamines, yes—how that works out.

MR EMERSON: May I just jump—while you got you—on notice, and the transcript that you are going to read?

THE CHAIR: Yes.

MR EMERSON: That data that you just pointed to, minister, from before the 2010 changes, if there is any update on that data, you know, violent incidents in venues based on size and or opening, like the time of evening—

Mr Rynehart: Yes. I believe we receive incident data in Access Canberra.

MR EMERSON: Okay.

Mr Rynehart: And I will do my absolute best to see if we can break it down to that level.

MR EMERSON: Okay.

Mr Rynehart: Because there are a significant number of thresholds and categories in the licensing system.

MR EMERSON: Sure.

Mr Rynehart: But we will do our absolute best to try and break it down to the license type if we can.

MR EMERSON: I think that would be really helpful. Thank you.

Ms Cheyne: And I do not know if these reviews are public or could be made public.

Mr Rynehart: We will check.

MR EMERSON: Take that on notice too.

Ms Cheyne: Yes. We will be as useful as we can be.

Ms Tara Cheyne MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Licensed venues in the ACT must report incidents of violent, unlawful, or anti-social behaviour occurring on their premises under section 131 of the *Liquor Act 2010*. Mandatory reporting also includes removals from the premises and confiscation of false identification and covers incidents in the immediate vicinity of a licensed premises or involving persons who have just left or been refused entry (see Table 1 and Table 2).

Failure to report mandatory incidents is an offence and may result in penalties or disciplinary action affecting a licensee's suitability. These requirements also support evidence-based decisions on appropriate safety controls at venues or locations.

Table 1: Incidents reported in accordance with section 131 of the *Liquor Act 2010* of the 23/24FY:

LICENCE CLASS	Altercation	Confiscated ID	Medical assistance	Refusal of entry/service	Removal of patron	Other	TOTAL
General	11	1	10	12	18	6	58
Club	50	1	12	124	149	22	358
On	212	0	70	45	516	61	904
Off	3	0	0	2	0	42	47
Special	13	0	5	5	108	4	135
Catering	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	289	2	97	188	791	135	1502

Table 2: Incidents reported in accordance with section 131 of the *Liquor Act 2010* of the 24/25FY:

LICENCE CLASS	Altercation	Confiscated ID	Medical assistance	Refusal of entry/service	Removal of patron	Other	TOTAL
General	5	3	16	8	3	5	40
Club	66	1	19	123	207	18	434
On	145	0	70	61	257	27	560
Off	3	0	0	1	0	3	7
Special	8	1	7	19	61	3	99
Catering	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	227	5	112	212	528	56	1140

Table 3: Variance between incidents reports from 23/24FY to 24/25FY:

LICENCE CLASS	Altercation	Confiscated ID	Medical assistance	Refusal of entry/service	Removal of patron	Other	TOTAL
General	-55%	200%	60%	-33%	-83%	-17%	-31%
Club	32%	0%	58%	-1%	39%	-18%	21%
On	-32%	n/a	0%	36%	-50%	-56%	-38%
Off	0%	n/a	n/a	-50%	n/a	-93%	-85%
Special	-38%	n/a	40%	280%	-44%	-25%	-27%
Catering	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
TOTAL	-21%	150%	15%	13%	-33%	-59%	-24%

Note: further statistical breakdown by the determined occupancy is not currently supported.

The data shows an overall decline in reported incidents between 2023–24 and 2024–25, with the distribution across licence classes remaining broadly consistent. This is reflected in a slight decrease in refusals of service and a more notable reduction in patron removals and altercations.

An interactive heatmap showing generalised information on licensed venues in the ACT, filterable by date, licence class and licensed hours, can be found published on the [Access Canberra website](#).

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The below statistics have been provided by ACT Policing.

All alcohol-related incidents, in the suburbs of Braddon and Canberra City from 1 July 2021 to 30 April 2026					
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26 (YTD 30 APR*)
BRADDON	187	208	145	137	101
CITY	961	1194	860	834	567
Total	1148	1402	1005	971	668

SOURCE: PROMIS as of 26 May 2026

All alcohol-related OFFENCES, in the suburbs of Braddon and Canberra City from 1 July 2021 to 30 April 2026					
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26 (YTD 30 APR*)
BRADDON	93	119	76	77	85
CITY	413	611	428	474	413
Total	506	730	504	551	498

SOURCE: PROMIS as of 26 May 2026

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By the Minister for Night-Time Economy, Ms Tara Cheyne MLA

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