

29 September 2023

The Secretary
Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority
Tribunals Unit
Wellington

Questions:

- 1. Please provide the name of your District Licensing Committee.**
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- 2. Please provide the name, email, and contact phone number of your Committee's Secretary.**
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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

In the 2022-2023 year, how many ‘on licences’ did your Committee issue? 271

In the 2022-2023 year, how many applications for ‘on licences’ did your Committee refuse? 0

In the 2022-2031 year, how many ‘off licences’ did your Committee issue? 100

In the 2022-2023 year, how many applications for ‘off licences’ did your Committee refuse? 0

In the 2022-2023 year, how many club licences did your Committee issue? 32

In the 2022-2023 year, how many applications for club licences did your Committee refuse? 0

Managers’ certificates 2022-2023

In the 2022-2023 year, how many managers’ certificates did your Committee issue? 681^{new} + 1067 renewals

In the 2022-2023 year, how many applications for managers’ certificates did your Committee refuse? 0

In the 2022-2023 year, how many applications for managers’ certificates were withdrawn? 43 + 6 renewals

Licence renewals 2022-2023

In the 2022-2023 year, how many licence renewals did your Committee issue? 407. ON + 273 OFF +102 CLUB + 32)

In the 2022-2023 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
695	261	118

Total 1074

5. Please comment on any changes or trends in the Committee’s workload in 2020-2021.

In the reporting year commencing 1 July 2022 and ending on 30 June 2023 the District Licensing Committee was referred 3707 application files for determination (416 new/renewal premises licences, 1909 Managers Certificates, 1275 Special Licenses, 107 Temporary Authorities). Of those applications that were determined during the reporting period, 25 were set down for public hearing.

Overall there has been an increase in workload from the previous year. There has also been an increase in number of public hearings.

6. Please comment on any new initiatives the Committee has developed/adopted in 2020-2021.

The District Licensing Committee has developed a greater tendency to hold pre-hearing meetings to consider objector status/standing and other preliminary arguments. The committee is started issuing practice notes.

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 manner in which Covid-19 has impacted on DLC operations.

This is no longer impacting on the DLC

12. 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.

13. To what extent, if any, do you consider that achievement of the object of the Act may have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic?

No longer relevant

14. 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 sales; and an increase in the number of public objections (particularly in relation to off-licence applications). This is frustrating everyone as they are not referencing their concerns back to actual harm.

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

Please also find attached the Territorial Authority Summary Annual Return Statistical Fees Return for applications received during the reporting year ending 30 June 2023.