

# CONSTITUENT QUESTION

## House of Assembly

ASKED BY: Mr Simon Behrakis MP

ANSWERED BY: Hon Guy Barnett MP

### QUESTION:

1. Many local small business owners are finding it difficult to obtain a Tasmanian liquor licence - businesses that are looking to offer additional services in our hospitality industry to visitors and locals alike to help grow our local beverage industry sector. The Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission ensures licences are issued responsibly. However, the process can be a challenging and arduous one. The process often involves extensive paperwork and lengthy wait periods. What is the government doing to reduce red tape in this area to make it easier for businesses to responsibly serve alcohol and grow that industry?

### ANSWER:

The Tasmanian Government acknowledges the importance of supporting our hospitality industry and is actively working to make the liquor licensing process more business friendly.

In November 2024, the government released the 2023-24 Red Tape Reduction Report, highlighting our commitment to reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens. To date, we have addressed 86 per cent of the 198 identified red tape issues, demonstrating our dedication to facilitating business growth and innovation.

Work is underway to streamline the application process. These initiatives are designed to make it easier for businesses to responsibly serve alcohol, thereby contributing to the growth of our local beverage industry.

By implementing these measures, the government aims to create a more efficient and supportive environment for businesses in the hospitality sector, facilitating responsible alcohol service and industry growth.

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**Hon Guy Barnett MP**

Deputy Premier

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