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Via email: m.temple@lawofficers.je

Dear *Mark,*

I am grateful for the opportunity to update you and the Licensing Assembly following the decision to permit 'drinks promotions'.

As you are aware, it is SoJP's stated position that we do not support drinks promotions, a view supported by the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs.

SoJP welcome the opportunity to carefully highlight to the assembly, both now and in the future, the extent to which excessive consumption of alcohol is the main contributory factor for incidents of crime (particularly violent crime and RASSO type offences) and demand as part of the 'night-time economy' (NTE).

It may interest the licensing assembly to know reported crime during COVID (as a result of the 'lock-down' and the extended absence of the NTE) dropped over 50%. Alcohol continues to be the main contributory factor to crime levels and adverse feelings of safety, especially over the weekends.

You will be equally aware this demand also imparts on our Honorary Police colleagues and a 50% increase in assaults on police and potentially other Emergency Services workers (x26 officers assault in 2025 so far).

It is against this backdrop that anything that could potentially increase consumption of alcohol leading inevitably to increased crime / incidents referenced above remains unsupported by SoJP.

Given the decision to introduce 'drinks promotions' new policing arrangements had to be introduced (at short notice), not to accommodate the early evening drinking which is often uncontentious, but the early hours of the morning when patrons leave various establishments. The Assembly will understand the mood is very different, often hostile and drunken fights occur on a daily basis. The injuries are sometimes serious requiring significant medical attention resulting in cost to Health / Island not to mention SoJP and the wider justice system.

Whilst alcohol induced crime and demand during the NTE is a very significant concern (particularly as resources must be re-deployed from VAWG related demand for example) there is no current evidence to suggest 'drinks promotions' have contributed to the already concerning levels.



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This, in all likelihood is substantially due to the 500+ licensing checks carried out by SoJP staff since May. Despite this, there have been over 160 arrests linked to the NTE over the same period, which is a concern.

I am grateful for the opportunity to update you and the licensing assembly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin".

Robin Smith
Chief Officer