

Answers to questions on notice

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There was an incident where all of a sudden –this is prior to the Three Cheers—I had recorded something like 13 incidents, although I might have to take on notice the exact number, when I had to go in to the police. We went through each incident and the police were the ones who struck it off and said, "No, that does not relate to violent alcohol-related incidents." I ended up with five or something like that.

In answer to the question taken on notice -

Police had recorded a total of 13 violent incidents as having occurred at the OAF in 2017, which would have seen the OAF become a Level 2 Venue in the Violent Venues Scheme, with 12 incidents as the threshold to being a declared a Level 2 Violent Venue.

A review of the incidents can only occur with police present.

After the review of the incidents with police, it was established and agreed on that 5 x incidents were in fact duplicate incidents of recorded incidents, and 2 x incidents should not be attributed to the list.

Leaving a total of 6 incidents of assault attributed to the OAF for the entire year. This meant the OAF was well below level for any inclusion and consequently left off the of Violent Venues Scheme.

From Liquor & Gaming website - The violent venues list reflects the number of violent incidents at venues over a 12-month period. Venues with 12 or more incidents make the list and are subject to strict conditions and increased monitoring by Liquor & Gaming NSW.

Relevant Information for the Committee -

For more information on the Violent Venues Scheme please click on link -
<https://www.liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au/resources/violent-venues-scheme>

For a list of Violent Venues 2018 please click on the link –
<https://www.liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/latest-violent-venues-list-released3>