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Review to assess impact, effectiveness of Late Night Code

The State Government has launched a review to assess the impact and effectiveness of the Late Night Trading Code of Practice.

Business Services and Consumers Minister Gail Gago said the review will also evaluate the General Code of Practice, which outlines compulsory practices for venues licensed to serve alcohol.

“We know that since the introduction of the Late Night Code on 1 October 2013, we have seen a drop in assaults and anti-social behaviour around licensed premises.

“Data from the Royal Adelaide Hospital also shows a drop in early morning alcohol-related hospital admittance.

“Above and beyond that preliminary feedback, this review will seek data from agencies and feedback from licensees, service providers and members of the public.

“For Adelaide to remain a vibrant city, it is in everyone’s interest that venues provide a safe environment and everyone involved is comfortable with the rules in place,” Ms Gago said.

The General Code of Practice was amended in early 2013 to place a greater focus on licensees to ensure responsible service of alcohol. The Late Night Code was later implemented to crack down on alcohol-fueled violence.

“The review will look at the effectiveness of both codes, whether they are obtaining the results we set out to achieve and whether there are any areas for refinement.

“The State Government has done a significant amount of work to ensure that South Australians can go and have a fun night out in a safe environment, and this review is another step in that ongoing commitment,” Ms Gago said.

The review will be undertaken by the Internal Consultancy Services Group within the Department of Premier and Cabinet, and the findings will be reported to Parliament within six months.

Data released in November showed that violent assaults in the city dropped by more than 10 per cent, and offences against good order plummeted by more than 16 per cent in the year since the code took effect.