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Dear Mr Vermey

Thank you for your constituency question asked in Parliament on 9 September 2026 requesting an update on the Government's commitment to modernise Tasmania's liquor licensing system and specifically on the improvements for small business owners that will be delivered through the new digital liquor and gaming licencing portal.

The replacement of the Tasmanian liquor licencing system represents a significant opportunity to address pain points for applicants, such as visibility of progress and expected time of progressing of applications and coincides with the Government's reform of the *Liquor Licensing Act 1990* and introduce a modern, risk-based approach to managing the harms from liquor.

A Request for Tender was released in April 2026 this year for the replacement of the State's existing Gaming and Licensing system. The procurement process is progressing in accordance with the Government's procurement requirements, with a preferred tenderer in the process of being finalised. An announcement is expected in due course.

The replacement system will provide a modern digital platform that supports licensing, permits, compliance and regulatory functions, while improving the experience for users and reducing unnecessary administrative burden.

As a Government we are getting on with the job of cutting red tape and delivering better outcomes for Tasmania's hospitality and events sector.

Thank you again for your question. I trust that the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Hon Eric Abetz MP
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