

Government Alcohol Advisory Group

Call for submissions

The recently-established Government Alcohol Advisory Group is examining the following matters:

- the increase in the number of supermarkets, convenience stores and petrol stations with off-licences and the manner and conditions of sale of alcohol products in such outlets, including below unit-cost selling and special promotions;
- the increasing number of special exemption orders which permit longer opening hours which are being obtained by licensed premises around the country; and
- the use, adequacy and effectiveness of existing sanctions and penalties, particularly those directed towards combating excessive and under-age alcohol consumption.

Submissions on the above matters are invited from interested parties and the general public.

The Group is required to report to the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform by 31 March 2008. Consequently, it is necessary to receive submissions by 5.00pm on 28 January 2008.

Please forward submissions by email to kmconnolly@justice.ie or by post to the Secretary, Government Alcohol Advisory Group, 5th Floor, Block 1, Irish Life Centre, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1.