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**Attachments:** TRANSCRIPT - Social Issues - Loneliness - 12 December 2024 - HIGHLIGHTED FOR QUESTIONS ON NOTICE.pdf; Loneliness Inquiry - Supplementary Questions - 12 December hearing.pdf; Prevalence, causes and impacts of loneliness in New South Wales - Post-hearing responses – 12 December 2024

Dear Teneale,

Please see below responses to the questions that Mr. Anthony Shannon took on notice.

Question taken on notice	Government response
<b>How concerning is it to both of you to see the declining number of clubs and organisations in our communities? Is there anything from your perspective that can be done to halt that dwindling of numbers?</b>	<p>The number of Club and Hotel licenses in NSW has decreased from 3369 in December 2023 to 3362 in December 2024.</p> <p>The NSW Government has removed the requirements for people living within five kilometres of a Club from signing in without first becoming a member. Removing the rule is expected to encourage more locals to enjoy their nearby Clubs before choosing whether or not to become a member.</p>
<b>Do you have any additional information on how successful these programs were and whether there were any recommendations if they did an evaluation? Is it possible that, maybe, Mr Shannon could take it on notice? It could be a follow-up with the UK in relation to any findings they may have had over the last couple of years since that was introduced.</b>	<p>Additional information on the UK program referenced in the NSW Government submission can be found in the UK Government's 'Tackling Loneliness' annual reports : <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/loneliness-annual-report-the-fourth-year/tackling-loneliness-annual-report-march-2023-the-fourth-year">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/loneliness-annual-report-the-fourth-year/tackling-loneliness-annual-report-march-2023-the-fourth-year</a></p>

Thank you also for the extension for returning questions to the ACYP team, I will return those to you next week.

Kind regards,

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