ATTORNEY-GENERAL

ALCOHOL AND DRUG FUELLED VIOLENCE ON STAG AGENDA

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Tackling alcohol and drug fuelled violence will be top of the agenda at today's meeting with State and Territory Attorneys-General (STAG) in Melbourne.

“The regular STAG meetings provide Attorneys-General with a platform to discuss and work through issues of mutual interest including law and order, regulation and justice reforms,” Attorney-General John Elferink said.

“On the agenda for discussion is the issue of drug and alcohol-related violence, a problem experienced in all capital cities and towns and one which must be addressed by all leaders.

“The Country Liberals Government has been proactive in putting measures in place to stamp out this violence.

“New alcohol-related crime fighting tools in the Northern Territory are proving valuable to police with almost 1000 people placed on alcohol restrictions with an Alcohol Protection Order.

“Additionally, State and Territory co-operation saw the Northern Territory become the second jurisdiction in the country to introduce ‘one punch’ homicide legislation, and the first to introduce tougher penalties for assaults on all workers.

“While there is no one-stop-shop for combatting these issues, the STAG meeting provides a positive forum to share information, views and possible solutions.

“Issues also scheduled for discussion at today’s STAG meeting include family violence, homicide, self-defence and sexting.”

Matters of importance which are identified and canvassed at the STAG meeting are able to be put forward as an agenda item for the biannual national justice meetings with the Commonwealth.

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