

Dear Committee,

You asked what research shows about the relationship between violence and crime and time and place reference page 16 of the Hansard reference.

It is well-known that crime is related to time of day and to place. Criminalisation from violent crime takes place in certain places on the streets or near pubs or where young people congregate with alcohol. The literature below refers to many factors that account for the time and place of crime, including youth, masculinity and sexual frustration, reduction of inhibition, bravado, 'sneaky thrills' or excitement. These features or factors may converge in the 'night time economy' where they may be commodified. As we suggested, it is also well-established that young gay males will have differential exposure to features of this night-time economy and the other features of the time and place nexus of crime. As a result, any contention that there is a differential rate of gay-bias homicide needs to control for these features. This has not been done, certainly not in NSW to our knowledge. Therefore, claims regarding are premature, and will be confounded by an inability to rely on strong data.

Kind regards,

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