

CORONAVIRUS — VACCINATIONS — CORRECTIVE SERVICES

380. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the minister representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to the article by Joe Spagnolo in *The Sunday Times* on 1 August titled “Jailed WA prisoners, criminals get Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine”.

- (1) Can the minister confirm whether any of the 4 000 prisoners vaccinated were over the age of 60; and, if yes, how many received —
 - (a) Pfizer; or
 - (b) AstraZeneca?
- (2) How many prisoners have now received two doses of either vaccine, to be fully vaccinated with —
 - (a) Pfizer; or
 - (b) AstraZeneca?
- (3) For (1) and (2), for each vaccine, please detail how many prisoners vaccinated were over the age of 60.
- (4) Why were prison officers not offered the same opportunity, despite the fact that they are frontline workers and spare phials were left over?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Corrective Services.

- (1) There are currently 260 persons in custody aged over 60, or four per cent of the total population, and all have had the opportunity to access the Pfizer vaccine.
- (2) At close of business on 2 August 2021, 165 prisoners had received a vaccine.
 - (a) Of those, 165 were Pfizer.
 - (b) Zero were AstraZeneca.
- (3) In total, 260 persons over the age of 60 were given the opportunity to access the Pfizer vaccine. A breakdown of how many of this cohort consented to the vaccine is unavailable at this point.
- (4) All staff working within Western Australian custodial facilities have been eligible for vaccinations since early March 2021, in phase 1a and 1b, through community services. The planning for the conduct of each clinic has proved very efficient. The stocks of vaccines were fully utilised at most sites and wastage has been extremely low across all sites.