

POLICE — ILLEGAL DRUGS — RAID RECORDS

3104. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police:

- (1) Do Western Australia Police keep records of the number of raids on:
- (a) So-called clandestine drug laboratories; and
- (b) Hydroponic cannabis cultivation sites?
- (2) If yes to (1), how many of each in (a) and (b) were raided in each year since 2009?

Hon Michael Mischin replied:

- (1) (a) Yes.
- (b) Yes. However, as search warrants for hydroponic cannabis cultivation sites are executed by multiple business areas in WA Police, there is no central database specifically for 'hydroponic cannabis cultivation sites'.
- (2)(a) Number of Search Warrant executed under the *Misuse of Drugs Act* for clandestine laboratories:

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 (as at 6 May)
124	132	177	141	132	85	26

This does not include search warrants aimed at locating a clandestine laboratory where none were found, or instances where items were located but no process had been undertaken to enable them to be classified as a laboratory.

- (b) Refer to (1)(b).