

METHAMPHETAMINE — MANDURAH

**1448. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the minister representing the Minister for Police:**

I refer to a recent report in the *Mandurah Mail* of 13 November that in the first six months of 2019, 175 000 clean needles were handed out to drug users. However, police statistics show a 6.8 per cent decrease in the five-year average for drug offences. This figure is in relation to drug possession or dealing and not necessarily reflective of drug crime.

- (1) How many drug offences involving methamphetamine have been recorded for the suburb of Mandurah in the last five years?
- (2) How many recorded offences of any nature in the last five years for the suburb of Mandurah are deemed to be related to methamphetamine?
- (3) What category of crimes is most often linked to methamphetamine use for the suburb of Mandurah?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Police. The Western Australia Police Force advises as follows.

- (1) It is not possible to provide a response to this question within the required time period. The honourable member may wish to put the question on notice.
- (2)–(3) Offences related to methamphetamine cannot be accurately distinguished from total offences figures.