

METHAMPHETAMINE — SENTENCING

1307. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:

How many charges have been laid under section 101 of the Children and Community Services Act 2004 in each of the past five years?

- (a) How many of those were as a consequence of a child or children being present where methamphetamine was being produced, sold or used?
- (b) How many times have charges been laid under section 101 of the Children and Community Services Act 2004, in conjunction with any other charges associated with the production, sale, trafficking or use of methamphetamine?
- (c) How many convictions have resulted from these charges?
- (d) What is the average sentence handed down from these convictions?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. However, the Attorney General says that due to the short time frame and level of detail required to complete this question, the Attorney General requests that it be placed on notice.

Madam President, if I may be so bold, with respect to Hon Charles Smith who said by interjection that he lodged his question two days ago, the lodgement date on the question I just answered is Thursday, 31 October.

Point of Order

Hon COLIN TINCKNELL: I have asked the Attorney General via the Leader of the House virtually the same question now for three days in a row, and I still have not had an answer.

The PRESIDENT: Member, sometimes, as you will learn in this place, you might ask a question, but you do not always get the answer that you expect.

Hon COLIN TINCKNELL: I did not get any answer.

The PRESIDENT: I know; I appreciate that. What I am trying to say is that sometimes you can ask many, many times and you still might not get the answer that you expect; you get the answer that you are given. You may very well continue to ask the same question and, sadly, you might continue to get the same response. That is pretty much only in the control of the minister who is providing the answer, as disappointing as that is for you, member.