

ADULT OFFENDERS — ATTENTION DEFICIT RELATED DISORDERS

502. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Corrective Services

- (1) What percentage of adult offenders enter the adult custodial system having been diagnosed with Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) or any Attention Deficit related disorder; and
 - (a) of these offenders, what percentage are receiving pharmaceutical treatment for this disorder on admittance to the adult custodial system;
 - (b) what types of drugs are they being treated with;
 - (c) of these same offenders, what percentage continue to be treated pharmaceutically in the adult custodial system;
 - (d) what types of drugs, if any, are these offenders administered whilst they are in custody; and
 - (e) what percentage of offenders are being treated pharmaceutically for Attention Deficit related disorder when they are released from custody?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

- (1) (a-e) Data of this nature are not readily available. As the provision of this information would require considerable research, involving an examination of each offender's file individually, this would divert staff away from their normal duties and be an unwarranted allocation of the State's resources at this time..