

POLICE — ROADSIDE DRUG TESTS

2302. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Police:

- (1) How many Western Australian motorists were given roadside drug tests in the 2013 and 2014 to date?
- (2) How many of those motorists tested positive for drugs during their initial roadside saliva test, and can the Minister please break this down by each different drug: MDMA, THC, and Methamphetamine?
- (3) How many of those motorists who tested positive in their initial roadside test were then found to have a negative result for illicit drugs upon the completion of the subsequent saliva tests?

Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:

- (1) The number of roadside drug tests in 2013 and 2014 (at 4/5/14):

2013: 7,265

2014: 3,588

The purpose of preliminary drug testing is to determine whether further evidentiary drug testing is required. Western Australia Police are not required to record the number nor result of preliminary roadside drug tests. This information is kept for information purposes only and therefore, its accuracy cannot be verified.

- (2) The number of motorists given a secondary (Cozart) roadside drug test in 2013 and 2014 (at 4/5/14):

2013: 534

2014: 229

Motorists are given a secondary (Cozart) drug test when the preliminary test provides a positive result. As in (1), Western Australia Police are not required to record the number nor result of preliminary roadside drug tests as they are used to determine whether further evidentiary drug testing is required.

- (3) Number of negative secondary (Cozart) oral fluid tests in 2013 and 2014 (at 4/5/14):

2013: 35

2014: 28