

POLICE — HIGH-HARM OFFENDERS

620. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer the minister to the week-long sting operation undertaken recently across the Mandurah police district, including Rockingham, Kwinana, Mandurah, Pinjarra and Dwellingup, as outlined in an article in the *Mandurah Coastal Times* of 10 May this year.

- (1) Does the term “high-harm offenders,” as used in the article, reflect a classification on the part of the Western Australia Police Force; and, if it does, how is it defined?
- (2) Where do cannabis offenders sit within that definition; and, if they are included within it, what is the justification for that inclusion?
- (3) Noting that various drugs and paraphernalia were seized, can the minister break down the number of drug seizures by substance and by quantity, and list the paraphernalia by type?
- (4) Can the minister provide a breakdown of the charges that resulted from all 48 offences referenced in the article?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided on behalf of the Minister for Police.

- (1) A high-harm offender commits volume crime and district priority offences, demonstrating a tendency to engage in regular criminal activity that results in significant community harm.
- (2) If the cannabis offender falls into that definition, they can be classed as a high-harm offender.
- (3) The property seized was 3.36 grams of cocaine; 6.85 grams of heroin; 11.23 grams of methylamphetamine; approximately 3 grams of Cannabis; and 13 smoking implements, one set of scales and \$17 460 in cash—quite a windfall!
- (4) The charges preferred were two times aggravated burglary; six times burglary and commit; one time burglary with intent; three times stolen motor vehicle; three times gains benefit by fraud; eight times stealing; five times breach of bail undertaking; two times unlawful possession of property; one time obstruct public officer; four times possession of prohibited drug with intent to sell and supply; six times possession of prohibited drug; and seven times possession of drug paraphernalia.