

CORRECTIVE SERVICES — PRISON OFFICERS — DRUG TESTING

816. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer the minister to the Prisons (Prison Officers Drug and Alcohol Testing) Regulations 2016, as currently in force.

- (1) How many presumptive positive tests have been recorded by WA prison officers for —
 - (a) methamphetamine;
 - (b) benzodiazepines;
 - (c) opioids; and
 - (d) THC this calendar year?
- (2) How many prison officers returning a presumptive positive test in each of those categories provided a medical certificate to justify their use?
- (3) How many prison officers, if any, have been —
 - (a) referred to the department's employee welfare unit for a review;
 - (b) had managerial interventions imposed;
 - (c) had removal action initiated against them; or
 - (d) had their permit to do high-level security work under section 15P of the act revoked, again in this calendar year?
- (4) How many prison officers have resigned in this calendar year before any of the above actions could be undertaken as the result of them having returned a presumptive positive test?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)
 - (a) Nil;
 - (b) six;
 - (c) 11;
 - (d) one.
- (2)
 - (a) Not applicable;
 - (b) six;
 - (c) 10—one had used their partner's medication;
 - (d) nil.
- (3)
 - (a) One—benzodiazepine DATB20220704-01 took more than prescribed dose.
 - (b)–(d) nil.
- (4) One, of THC.