

NATIONAL WASTEWATER DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM

**121. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

I refer to recent figures released by the national wastewater drug monitoring program confirming increased consumption of methylamphetamine in Western Australia by 40 per cent over the last year.

- (1) Is the state government's methamphetamine action plan working?
- (2) What adjustments will have to be made to make the plan work more effectively?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1)–(2) The national wastewater drug monitoring program report released this month shows that methylamphetamine consumption in Western Australia is approximately one-third less than it was compared with when it peaked under the former Liberal–National government in 2016. In addition to incredible drug-suppression operations being carried out by the WA Police Force, Labor's hard borders severed bikie-controlled drug supply chains during the pandemic, seeing meth consumption plummet. Subsequently, the state government has introduced the toughest anti-bikie laws in the country and given police the power to conduct regular drug searches at 22 entry points into Western Australia. As a result, drug offences in Western Australia decreased by 33 per cent in 2023 compared with under the Liberals and Nationals in 2016. We will continue to look at ways to further reduce the harm this abhorrent drug causes, unlike the Liberal Party that has no policies to keep the community safe.