

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN OFFICE OF CRIME STATISTICS AND RESEARCH

105. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

My question is from Tuesday, 27 February. I refer to the Western Australian Office of Crime Statistics and Research.

- (1) What has been the research output of WACSAR in the period since its establishment?
- (2) Has this research undertaken by or commissioned and/or funded by WACSAR been utilised by the Attorney, the Department of Justice or any other agency?
- (3) If yes to (2), which work and how has it been used?
- (4) If no to (2), why not?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Attorney General.

- (1) The following research outputs have been finalised since WACSAR was established in 2020. There is Drug Use Monitoring Australia—Western Australia, with eight quarterly reports and one research paper. Internal evaluations have been undertaken by WACSAR staff, five completed, two draft reports under review and three evaluations underway. There have been commissioned evaluations either by a WA university partner or a culturally safe specialist, with one completed, two draft reports under review and two evaluations underway. There has been commissioned research, with four completed and two underway. There have been 10 internal data analytics briefs, and external research outputs overseen by the research applications and advisory committee, with 14 completed, 68 new applications processed and 39 research projects underway.

WACSAR is the central business unit that responds to all statistical data queries relating to corrective services and is responsible for providing the statistical evidence base to support the development of policy, legislation and programs across the agency. WACSAR also works in partnership with other agencies in undertaking ad hoc data analytics and policy relevant research when required.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) WACSAR research and evaluation outputs are used to inform policy development, program enhancements and future resourcing decisions.
- (4) Not applicable.