

PERTH DRUG COURT

**1193. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:**

I refer the Attorney General to recommendations 7 and 8 of the Final Report of the Select Committee into Alternate Approaches to Reducing Illicit Drug Use and its Effects on the Community tabled on 28 November 2019.

- (1) What has the Department of Justice done to collect information on Drug Court completion rates, recidivism rates and cost?
- (2) What has the department done to review the processes, procedures and eligibility criteria in the Perth Drug Court guidelines with a view to expanding the criteria to enable a greater range of individuals to access the Drug Court?

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I provide the following response on behalf of the Attorney General.

- (1)–(2) The Western Australian Office of Crime Statistics and Research is developing a monitoring framework to support a comprehensive evaluation of the Perth Drug Court. Once developed, it is anticipated that the framework will include participant demographics, completion rates and recidivism rates among key input, output and outcome data. The scope of the comprehensive evaluation will include processes, procedures and eligibility criteria, as well as associated costs.