

**PRISONERS — DRUG TESTS**

880. Hon Peter Collier to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

- (1) For each of Western Australia's prisons in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 to date, how many drug tests on prisoners were taken?
- (2) In reference to (1), how many of these tests were positive?
- (3) In reference to (2), will you please provide a description of the type of drug identified on the prisoners?
- (4) if not to (3), if not why not?

**Hon Matthew Swinbourn replied:**

- (1) See Table 1.
- (2) See Table 2.
- (3) See Table 3.

Table 1: The number of prisoner drug tests conducted at adult prisons, by prison and calendar year

Facility	2019	2020	2021	2022
Acacia	2,289	2,118	1,844	890
Albany	1,435	1,091	3,269	1,385
Bandyup	6,111	4,661	5,440	2,420
Boronia	2,090	1,297	2,424	556
Broome	886	845	1,076	311
Bunbury	34,695	29,981	45,076	23,285
Casuarina	1,100	1,447	2,300	1,106
E. Goldfields	1,118	1,048	971	1,769
Greenough	3,307	2,349	2,578	519
Hakea	810	1,194	909	411
Karnet	17,789	14,578	19,936	7,299
Melaleuca (MWP)	0	411	585	331
Melaleuca (MRRF)	543	124	0	0
Pardelup	4,694	5,044	6,884	3,537
Roebourne	6,710	3,643	7,169	5,680
Wandoo Rehab.	6,774	5,724	5,381	3,433
West Kimberley	932	594	932	873
Wooroloo	25,770	27,141	30,752	11,258

Table 2: The number of positive prisoner drug tests at adult prisons, by prison and calendar year

Facility	2019	2020	2021	2022
Acacia	176	78	115	25
Albany	34	58	75	40
Bandyup	26	28	19	11
Boronia	1	2	2	3
Broome	10	17	13	4
Bunbury	36	56	70	21
Casuarina	231	176	270	84
E. Goldfields	55	39	32	27

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Greenough	23	25	39	10
Hakea	92	156	163	44
Karnet	35	10	15	19
Melaleuca (MWP)	0	15	39	12
Melaleuca (MRRF)	20	6	0	0
Pardelup	1	5	3	0
Roebourne	50	10	32	6
Wandoo Rehab.	9	30	10	1
West Kimberley	19	6	39	27
Wooroloo	42	33	13	7

Table 3: The number of positive prisoner drug tests at adult prisons, by prison, substance detected and calendar year

Facility	Substance	2019	2020	2021	2022
Acacia	Alcohol	3	0	0	0
	Amphetamines	3	3	2	1
	Benzodiazepines	1	2	1	2
	Buprenorphine	148	65	105	22
	Cannabis Metabolites	14	8	6	0
	Cocaine	1	0	0	0
	Methamphetamine	20	3	4	0
	Opiates	2	0	1	0
Albany	Alcohol	1	5	3	0
	Amphetamines	3	0	3	0
	Benzodiazepines	1	0	0	0
	Buprenorphine	17	34	53	37
	Cannabis Metabolites	14	22	20	3
	Methadone	0	0	1	0
	Methamphetamine	5	1	4	0
	Steroids	0	0	1	0
Bandyup	Amphetamines	8	5	11	6
	Benzodiazepines	3	0	0	2
	Buprenorphine	5	2	0	1
	Cannabis Metabolites	5	13	1	1
	Methamphetamine	6	12	16	7
	Opiates	2	0	2	0
Boronia	Amphetamines	0	0	1	2
	Cannabis Metabolites	1	0	1	0
	Methamphetamine	0	2	0	3
Broome	Alcohol	2	0	0	0
	Amphetamines	0	4	1	4
	Benzodiazepines	0	0	1	0
	Cannabis Metabolites	7	13	11	0

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	Cocaine	1	0	0	0
	Methadone	0	1	0	0
	Methamphetamine	0	6	1	4
Bunbury	Alcohol	0	2	0	0
	Amphetamines	2	3	5	0
	Benzodiazepines	1	0	0	0
	Buprenorphine	17	25	47	14
	Cannabis Metabolites	19	21	14	7
	Methamphetamine	5	4	7	3
	Opiates	0	2	0	0
	Others	0	2	0	0
	Steroids	0	2	2	0
Casuarina	Alcohol	0	0	5	8
	Amphetamines	33	8	5	0
	Benzodiazepines	10	7	7	0
	Buprenorphine	132	140	236	68
	Cannabis Metabolites	48	17	19	12
	Methamphetamine	72	24	11	3
	Opiates	19	1	1	0
E. Goldfields	Alcohol	0	3	0	0
	Amphetamines	6	0	0	1
	Benzodiazepines	0	0	1	0
	Buprenorphine	2	0	1	2
	Cannabis Metabolites	45	35	30	19
	Cocaine	0	1	0	0
	Methadone	0	0	0	1
	Methamphetamine	8	0	0	4
	Others	0	0	0	1
Greenough	Alcohol	1	0	0	0
	Amphetamines	0	3	0	0
	Buprenorphine	0	1	10	0
	Cannabis Metabolites	22	18	27	10
	Methadone	0	2	0	0
	Methamphetamine	0	3	2	0
Hakea	Alcohol	6	0	0	1
	Amphetamines	22	13	11	0
	Benzodiazepines	0	1	3	4
	Buprenorphine	45	117	139	36
	Cannabis Metabolites	25	52	19	7
	Cocaine	0	2	0	0
	Methadone	1	0	1	0
	Methamphetamine	28	16	18	0
	Opiates	0	1	3	1

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Karnet	Alcohol	0	6	0	0
	Amphetamines	5	0	0	2
	Benzodiazepines	2	0	0	2
	Buprenorphine	8	2	2	4
	Cannabis Metabolites	17	2	12	6
	Cocaine	1	0	0	0
	Methamphetamine	8	0	1	5
	Opiates	2	0	0	3
Melaleuca (MWP)	Alcohol	0	9	2	0
	Amphetamines	0	3	19	8
	Benzodiazepines	0	0	3	2
	Buprenorphine	0	2	3	0
	Cannabis Metabolites	0	0	2	3
	Methamphetamine	0	3	30	9
	Opiates	0	1	1	0
Melaleuca (MRRF)	Amphetamines	7	3	0	0
	Benzodiazepines	3	0	0	0
	Buprenorphine	2	0	0	0
	Cannabis Metabolites	1	0	0	0
	Methamphetamine	7	5	0	0
	Opiates	7	1	0	0
	Others	1	0	0	0
Pardelup	Amphetamines	1	0	0	0
	Buprenorphine	0	1	0	0
	Cannabis Metabolites	0	4	0	0
	Methamphetamine	1	0	1	0
	Steroids	0	0	2	0
Roebourne	Amphetamines	0	0	1	0
	Benzodiazepines	0	0	1	0
	Cannabis Metabolites	50	10	30	6
	Methamphetamine	0	0	1	0
Wandoo Rehab.	Amphetamines	4	13	7	1
	Buprenorphine	0	11	2	0
	Cannabis Metabolites	0	9	0	0
	Cocaine	1	0	0	0
	Methamphetamine	4	5	2	0
West Kimberley	Alcohol	2	3	3	8
	Amphetamines	0	0	3	1
	Cannabis Metabolites	17	3	35	18
	Methamphetamine	0	0	3	0
Wooroloo	Alcohol	3	0	1	2
	Amphetamines	7	2	0	0
	Benzodiazepines	1	0	1	0
	Buprenorphine	2	1	1	2

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	Cannabis Metabolites	24	26	9	2
	Methadone	0	1	0	0
	Methamphetamine	11	4	0	1
	Opiates	0	0	2	0
	Steroids	1	2	0	0

Notes:

Each year commences on 1 January, with 2022 reported up to and including 30 August.

“Tests Taken” excludes those attempted but refused or otherwise not taken.

Test results are as at 30 August 2022. As such those tests taken during the reporting period whose results are outstanding may subsequently return positive results.

One test may return positive results for multiple substances; hence the aggregate of the identified substances may be greater than the number of tests with positive results.

Positive test results with a mitigation reason (i.e. medication or the substance being taken prior to reception into custody) are excluded.

The high testing numbers at Bunbury, Karnet and Wooroloo is primarily attributed to these being facilities with high numbers of minimum security prisoners. These prisons therefore have more prisoners undertaking external activities such as Prisoner Employment Program and Re-Integration Leave. Prisoners returning from such external activities are subject to frequent testing given they have left the secure perimeter of the facility.

Bunbury is also a multi- security facility, with complex security risks. The high rate of drug testing throughout the facility is part of its strategies to help manage these risks, and to deliver therapeutic case management to assist with drug dependences.

Two facility names are provided for the Melaleuca facility. “Melaleuca (MRRF)” refers to the privately run Melaleuca Remand and Reintegration Facility. “Melaleuca (MWP)” refers to the same facility from 4 April 2020 onwards, at which time the State took control of the facility and renamed it Melaleuca Women’s Prison. Given the handover date, both MRRF and MWP have separate records for 2020.