

METHAMPHETAMINE — USE

124. Mr R.S. LOVE to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. How does the Premier reconcile his statements with the fact that wastewater research has shown a 40 per cent increase in meth consumption, and what is he doing to combat this?

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

I think I explained in rather great detail in my original answer that, overall, we have seen a dramatic reduction. Sure, meth usage continues to grow as a result of the fact that we continue to have the fastest growing population in the country. Of course, as we move into a post-COVID period we can see an uptick, but we can also see WA Labor's—my government's—laws in action, putting significant downward pressure on meth usage, which has always been lower than when you were in government. As a result of that, Western Australians are much safer.