

**PRISON OFFICERS — DRUG TESTS  
YOUTH DETENTION**

*Questions without Notice 1200 and 1208 — Answers*

**HON MATTHEW SWINBOURN (East Metropolitan — Parliamentary Secretary)** [5.05 pm]: I provide answers to Hon Sophia Moermond's question without notice 1200 and Hon Dr Brad Pettitt's question without notice 1208, both asked yesterday, which I seek leave to have incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

**Question without notice 1200 —**

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- (1) For the date range 23 November 2021 to 22 November 2022 — 1505 tests on 1112 officers (ie 393 officers were tested more than once in this period). Of these, 27 tests were conducted at BHDC on Youth Custodial Officers and 183 tests conducted at the Academy on Trainee Custodial Officers.
    - (a)–(b) 47 confirmed positive results. Of the 47 confirmed positive results, 42 were the result of medications where a valid prescription was held. Three were for medication without an appropriate prescription. The remaining two related to positive tests for cannabis (THC).
    - (c) A disciplinary process was commenced on one prison officer who resigned during the process and received a reprimand. The other prison officer resigned prior to a disciplinary process being commenced, no further action was taken.
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**Question without notice 1208 —**

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- (1) A comprehensive review of the youth custodial operating policies and procedures has commenced to ensure compliance.
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