

PRISONERS — CANNABIS OFFENCES

**490. Hon SOPHIA MOERMOND to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:**

I refer the Attorney General to the harm minimisation strategies, priority substances and priority populations outlined in the Australian government's *National drug strategy 2017–2026*.

How many Western Australians currently incarcerated for cannabis-related crimes are —

- (a) female Indigenous adults;
- (b) male Indigenous adults; and
- (c) Indigenous minors?

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

It is not possible to provide the member with a response within the time available and I ask the member to place this question on notice. More generally, requests for statistical information may require the agency to manually search through individual records or files, which may or may not be held off site, before the agency is able to compile an answer. Every effort is made to answer questions without notice in the limited time available. However, it is for the above reasons that I have previously asked the member to place such questions on notice and do so again today.