

POLICE — DRUG OPERATION — CARNARVON AND GERALDTON

429. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer the minister to the proactive drugs operation carried out by officers and detectives from Carnarvon and Geraldton between 27 and 31 March 2023, and reported by the *Midwest Times* on 5 April 2023, which apparently netted a total of 100 grams of cannabis.

- (1) How many individuals were charged with possession of cannabis as a result of this operation?
- (2) How many individuals were charged with possession with intent to sell or supply?
- (3) What was the amount of cannabis in each individual case referenced in (1) and (2)?
- (4) What other drugs were detected during the operation, and how many individuals have been charged in relation to drugs other than cannabis as a result?

Hon DARREN WEST replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. I answer on behalf of the minister representing the Minister for Police. On behalf of the Minister for Police, I provide the following answer. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Police. The Western Australia Police Force advise the following.

- (1) Eight were charged with possession of cannabis.
- (2) One individual was charged with possession with intent to sell or supply.
- (3) The amount of cannabis possessed in each individual case referenced in (1) and (2) for was one, approximately one gram; two, approximately 0.5 grams; three, approximately one gram; four, approximately two grams; five, approximately 13 grams; six, approximately three grams; seven, approximately 68 grams; and eight, trace amounts only. The amount of cannabis possessed with intent to sell or supply was approximately 11 grams.
- (4) The other drug detected during the operation was dimethyltryptamine, and one individual has been charged.