

DRUGS — ONLINE MARKET — TESTING

128. Hon SOPHIA MOERMOND to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the story on the ABC website on 12 March 2024 entitled “Canberra pill-testing service finds methamphetamine in counterfeit diet pill” in which a concerned parent presented a sample of a diet pill their child purchased on the clear web after a noticeable change in behaviour.

- (1) Is the minister aware of the story and that a young person was able to purchase methamphetamine on the clear web and have it sent to their house?
- (2) How does the minister suggest concerned parents or people taking supplements and unregulated stimulants purchased online have them tested?
- (3) Would the government consider opening a facility like CanTEST in Canberra where people can have their legal and illegal drugs tested to ensure safety, particularly in the recent explosion of the unregulated online drug market?

Hon PIERRE YANG replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided by the Minister for Health.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Given the unregulated nature of the online supplement market, I encourage people who use supplements to purchase them through reputable stores or pharmacies located within the community.
- (3) There is no intention to introduce a drug and pill testing service in Western Australia.