

WASTEWATER ANALYSIS — PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES

1548. Hon WILSON TUCKER to the minister representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I ask this question on behalf of Hon Dr Brian Walker. I refer the minister to a recent paper published by British academics based upon wastewater analysis of psychoactive substances, including cannabis, in a Northern Irish prison.

- (1) Do Western Australian corrective services undertake any site-specific testing of wastewater at prison sites?
- (2) If yes to (1), where and how often are the results published?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank Hon Dr Brian Walker for some notice of his question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Corrective Services.

The Department of Justice advises the following.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Collections are conducted at Wandoo Rehabilitation Prison, the Mallee rehabilitation unit at Casuarina Prison and Bunbury Regional Prison three to four times a year. Samples are analysed by the University of Queensland and Flinders University in South Australia and results reported to the Department of Justice.
- (3) Not applicable.