

HEALTH — PATIENTS — DRUG TESTING

1001. Hon SOPHIA MOERMOND to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the Medicines and Poisons Act 2014, which makes stipulations regarding reporting of drug dependence among patients by authorised health personnel.

- (1) What guidelines and regulations does the Department of Health provide for psychiatrists and paediatricians regarding drug-testing regimes among patients?
- (2) What data is retained by the Department of Health regarding the presence of drugs, including cannabis, among psychiatric patients?
- (3) Does the Department of Health have data on how many people diagnosed with ADHD are being refused treatment due to the presence of cannabis in their system?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The schedule 8 prescribing code suggests urine drug screening may be included as part of a clinical assessment of risk prior to commencing treatment with stimulant medicines in patients over 13 years of age.
- (2) If a patient meets the defined high-risk criteria under the schedule 8 prescribing code, stimulant prescribers provide urine drug screen results to the Department of Health as part of the application process for authorisation to prescribe.
- (3) No.