



## **WESTERN AUSTRALIA POLICE FORCE**

### **MISUSE OF DRUGS ACT 1981 PART 4A**

### **WA POLICE FORCE ANNUAL REPORT – 2019-2020**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Section 42A of the *Misuse of Drugs Act 1981* requires the Commissioner of Police to provide an annual report to the Minister for Police, containing information relating to Authorisations issued under Part 4A of the *Misuse of Drugs Act 1981*.

The Minister is required to cause the report to be laid before each House of Parliament no later than 12 sitting days of that House, after receiving the report.

The following extract of the *Misuse of Drugs Act 1981* relates to this annual reporting requirement.

#### **Section 42A of the *Misuse of Drugs Act 1981***

Section 42A of the *Misuse of Drugs Act 1981* provides:

- (1) The Commissioner must give a report to the Minister that provides the following information for each financial year:
  - (a) The number of vehicle search authorisations and premises search authorisations issued during the financial year;
  - (b) The areas that were subject to a vehicle search authorisation;
  - (c) The premises that were subject to a premises search authorisation;
  - (d) The periods during which any authorisations had effect;
  - (e) The number of occasions when, as a result of the exercise of powers conferred by section 20G(2), a prohibited drug, prohibited plant or a controlled precursor was detected by a preliminary drug detection test;
  - (f) The number of occasions when, as a result of the exercise of powers conferred by section 20H(1), a prohibited drug, prohibited plant or controlled precursor was detected by a preliminary drug detection test;
  - (g) The number of occasions when, as a result of the exercise of powers conferred by section 20I(2)(e), a prohibited drug, prohibited plant or controlled precursor was detected;
  - (h) A statement of any defect or irregularity identified in relation to a vehicle search authorisation or premises search authorisation.

**INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 42A OF THE MISUSE OF DRUGS ACT 1981**

1. The number of vehicle search authorisations and premises search authorisations issued during the financial year: 2019-2020<sup>1</sup>:

<b>AUTHORISATIONS</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>
Vehicle Search Authorisations	20
Premises Search Authorisations	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>TOTAL DEPLOYMENT DAYS</b>	<b>28</b>

2. The areas that were subject to a vehicle search authorisation and the periods during which those authorisations had effect<sup>2</sup>:

<b>DRUG DETECTION AREA DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DATE FROM</b>	<b>TIME FROM</b>	<b>DATE TO</b>	<b>TIME TO</b>
South Coast Highway, Monjilup	22/07/2019	0001 hrs	22/07/2019	2359 hrs
Coolgardie-Esperance Highway Kalyup	23/07/2019	0001 hrs	23/07/2019	2359 hrs
Eyre Highway, Norseman	24/07/2019	0001 hrs	24/07/2019	2359 hrs
Albany Highway, Mount Barker	25/07/2019	0001 hrs	25/07/2019	2359 hrs
Great Eastern Highway, Coolgardie	27/07/2019	0001 hrs	27/07/2019	2359 hrs
Brand Highway, Breera	31/07/2019	0001 hrs	31/07/2019	2359 hrs
Brand Highway, Dongara	30/08/2019	0001 hrs	30/08/2019	2359 hrs
North West Coast Highway Fortescue	06/09/2019	0001 hrs	07/09/2019	2359 hrs
Eyre Highway, Norseman	08/09/2019	0001 hrs	08/09/2019	2359 hrs
Brookton Highway Flint	12/10/2019	0001 hrs	12/10/2019	2359 hrs
Great Northern Highway, Kununurra	20/11/2019	0001 hrs	21/11/2019	2359 hrs
Old Shell Service Station, Brand Highway, Dongara	19/12/2019	0001 hrs	19/12/2019	2359 hrs
North West Coast Highway Carnarvon	20/01/2020	0001 hrs	23/01/2020	2359 hrs
Brand Highway, South Greenough	28/01/2020	0001 hrs	28/01/2020	2359 hrs
North West Coastal Highway, Kalbarri	29/01/2020	0001 hrs	29/01/2020	2359 hrs
Brand Highway, South Greenough	30/01/2020	0001 hrs	30/01/2020	2359 hrs
Brookton- Corrigin Road, Brookton	28/02/2020	0001 hrs	29/02/2020	2359 hrs
Mt Adams, Brand Highway Dongara	03/03/2020	0001 hrs	05/03/2020	2359 hrs
Great Northern Highway, Broome	10/06/2020	0001 hrs	11/06/2020	2359 hrs
Old Shell Service Station, Brand Highway, Dongara	16/06/2020	0001 hrs	16/06/2020	2359 hrs

<sup>1</sup> Section 42A(1)(a) Misuse of Drugs Act 1981

<sup>2</sup> Section 42A(1)(b) and (d) Misuse of Drugs Act 1981

3. The premises that were subject to a premises search authorisation and the periods during which those authorisations had effect<sup>3</sup>:

BUSINESS NAME	PREMISES ADDRESS	DATE FROM	TIME FROM	DATE TO	TIME TO
DHL	9 Dawson Road, Perth	18/02/2020	0600 hrs	18/02/2020	1300 hrs
Pack & Send	Unit 2, 5 Farrall Road, Midvale	09/06/2020	0500 hrs	09/06/2020	1700 hrs

4. The number of occasions when, as a result of the exercise of powers conferred by Section 20G(2), 20H(1) 20I(2)(e), a prohibited drug, prohibited plant or a controlled precursor was detected by a preliminary drug detection test<sup>4</sup>:

METHOD OF DETECTION	NUMBER
A preliminary drug detection test conducted in a vehicle in a drug detection area	201
A preliminary drug detection test conducted on a person who a police officer has reasonable grounds to suspect has recently left the vehicle that is, or was, in a drug detection area	0
The opening and examination of a consigned article in premises subject to an authorisation, after a preliminary drug detection test has produced a positive result in relation to that article	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>201</b>

5. Any statement of defect or irregularity in relation to a vehicle or premises search authorisation<sup>5</sup>:

Nil
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In addition to the legislative requirements of Section 42A of the Misuse of Drugs Act, the following statistics (01/07/2019 and 30/06/2020) are provided for consideration:

<b>VEHICLES</b>	
Vehicles Stopped	3,726
Vehicles Searched	289
Vehicles Searched @ Canine detection	171

<sup>3</sup> Section 42A(1)(c) and (d) Misuse of Drugs Act 1981

<sup>4</sup> Section 42A(1)(e), (f) and (g) Misuse of Drugs Act 1981

<sup>5</sup> Section 42A(1)(h) Misuse of Drugs Act 1981

<b>SEIZURES</b>	
Methylamphetamine	28 grams
Cannabis	2,042 grams
Number of Cannabis Plants	Nil
MDMA	34 grams
Heroin	Nil
Cocaine	1 gram
Synthetic Cannabis	1 gram
LSD tabs	Nil
Other Drugs	100 tablets Dexamphetamine
Smoking Implements	22
Pre-cursors type and quantity	Nil
Cash Seized	Nil

<b>OMCG PRESENCE</b>	28
<b>CHARGES</b>	
Possess Cannabis	27
Possess Methylamphetamine	Nil
Possess other Drug	4
Possess Drug Paraphernalia	19
Possess with intent to sell/supply Methylamphetamine	1
Possess with intent to sell/supply other Drug	2
Unlawful Possession	Nil
Other Offences	8

<b>TRAFFIC STATISTICS</b>	
Random Breath Tests	2,112
Cautions Other	30
Infringements	9
Work Orders	Nil
No Authority to Drive (vehicle seizures)	Nil
Drug Swipes Carried Out	201

\*Source of Data – Registers maintained by the Meth Transport Team on behalf of the Serious and Organised Crime Division.

\*\* Data Extracted – 06 April 2021

\*\*\* Sourcing Officer Details – Detective Senior Sergeant Grieve 8933

## **OTHER RELATED INFORMATION**

In June 2020, the Serious and Organised Crime Division undertook a review of Vehicle Search Area efficacy considering sub-optimal drug seizures comparative to the number of vehicles stopped. As a result, a renewed Vehicle Search Area deployment model that better links with valuable real time intelligence, will be trialled. The intent is to increase drug seizures comparative to vehicles stopped. The results of this change will be observable in 2020-21.



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COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

12 August 2021