



WESTERN AUSTRALIA POLICE FORCE

MISUSE OF DRUGS ACT 1981 PART 4A

WA POLICE FORCE ANNUAL REPORT – 2020-2021

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: 2020-2021¹:

AUTHORISATIONS	NUMBER
Vehicle Search Authorisations	18
Premises Search Authorisations	1
TOTAL	19
TOTAL DEPLOYMENT DAYS	32

2. The areas that were subject to a vehicle search authorisation and the periods during which those authorisations had effect²:

DRUG AREA DESCRIPTION	DATE FROM	TIME FROM	DATE TO	TIME TO
Chester Pass Road Albany	01/07/2020	0001 hrs	05/07/2020	2359 hrs
Albany Highway , Albany	01/07/2020	0001 hrs	05/07/2020	2359 hrs
Great Eastern Highway , Kalgoorlie	16/07/2020	0001 hrs	16/07/2020	2359 hrs
Goldfields Road, Malebelling	10/08/2020	0001 hrs	10/08/2020	2359 hrs
Westdale Road, Beverley	10/08/2020	0001 hrs	10/08/2020	2359 hrs
Brookton – Corrigin Road, Brookton	10/08/2020	0001 hrs	10/08/2020	2359 hrs
Great Northern Hwy and Victoria Hwy, Kununurra	15/09/2020	0001 hrs	17/09/2020	2359 hrs
Great Eastern Highway and Johnston St, Meckering	18/09/2020	0001 hrs	19/09/2020	2359 hrs
Carson Road and Brand Highway, Mount Adams	19/09/2020	0001 hrs	22/09/2020	2359 hrs
Wells Road and North West Coast Highway, Oakajee	19/09/2020	0001 hrs	22/09/2020	2359 hrs
Yuna - Tenindewa Road and Tenindewa Road North, Tenindewa	19/09/2020	0001 hrs	22/09/2020	2359 hrs
Great Eastern Highway, Meckering	29/01/2021	0001 hrs	29/01/2021	2359 hrs
Albany Highway, Drome (Albany)	18/02/2021	0001 hrs	18/02/2021	2359 hrs
Old Shell Service Station, Brand Highway, Dongara	02/04/2021	0001 hrs	02/04/2021	2359 hrs
North West Coastal Highway, Maitland	07/05/2021	0001 hrs	08/05/2021	2359 hrs

¹ Section 42A(1)(a) Misuse of Drugs Act 1981

² Section 42A(1)(b) and (d) Misuse of Drugs Act 1981

Albany Highway, Mount Barker	10/05/2021	0001 hrs	14/05/2021	2359 hrs
Great Northern Hwy and Victoria Hwy, Kununurra	14/06/2021	0001 hrs	19/09/2021	2359 hrs
Great Northern Hwy, Kununurra (Border WA / NT)	14/06/2021	0001 hrs	19/09/2021	2359 hrs

3. The premises that were subject to a premises search authorisation and the periods during which those authorisations had effect³:

BUSINESS NAME	PREMISES ADDRESS	DATE FROM	TIME FROM	DATE TO	TIME TO
GKR Transport	80 Dowd Street, Welshpool	03/08/2020	0500 hrs	03/08/2020	1600 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 test⁴:

METHOD OF DETECTION	NUMBER
A preliminary drug detection test conducted in a vehicle in a drug detection area	0
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
TOTAL	0

5. Any statement of defect or irregularity in relation to a vehicle or premises search authorisation⁵:

Nil

In addition to the legislative requirements of Section 42A of the Misuse of Drugs Act, the following statistics (01/07/2020 and 30/06/2021) are provided for consideration:

VEHICLES	
Vehicles Stopped	1,253
Vehicles Searched	161
Vehicles Searched @ Canine detection	48

³ Section 42A(1)(c) and (d) Misuse of Drugs Act 1981

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

⁵ Section 42A(1)(h) Misuse of Drugs Act 1981

<u>SEIZURES</u>	
Methylamphetamine	14.5 kilograms
Cannabis	44.5grams
Number of Cannabis Plants	Nil
MDMA	3 grams
Heroin	Nil
Cocaine	Nil
Synthetic Cannabis	Nil
LSD tabs	Nil
Other Drugs	Nil
Smoking Implements	9
Pre-cursors type and quantity	Nil
Cash Seized	\$3.6 million

<u>OMCG PRESENCE</u>	1 (Hells Angels)
<u>CHARGES</u>	
Possess Cannabis	12
Possess Methylamphetamine	1
Possess other Drug	1
Possess Drug Paraphernalia	5
Possess with intent to sell/supply Methylamphetamine	1
Possess with intent to sell/supply other Drug	Nil
Unlawful Possession	Nil
Other Offences	6
<u>TRAFFIC STATISTICS</u>	
Random Breath Tests	1,059
Cautions Other	5
Infringements	1
Work Orders	1
No Authority to Drive (vehicle seizures)	1
Drug Swipes Carried Out	10

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

*** Data Extracted – 01/07/2021*

**** Sourcing Officer Details – Detective senior Constable Cam Christie 12512*



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