

Question on Notice
No. 565
Asked on Tuesday 17 April 2007

MR MESSENGER asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE)-

QUESTION:

With reference to HIV, hepatitis and other sexually transmitted diseases in Queensland prisons—

- (1) What is the current level of persons with HIV, hepatitis and sexually transmitted diseases currently in the Queensland prison system?
- (2) How were these figures obtained?
- (3) How many new infections of HIV, hepatitis and sexually transmitted diseases occurred in Queensland prisons from 2004 to 2006?

ANSWER:

- 1) At their time of reception into custody, prisoners are offered confidential testing for HIV, hepatitis and sexually transmitted diseases by the health centre staff of the corrective services facility. This testing is voluntary. Positive tests are notified to Queensland Health as required by law. Corrective Services does not maintain a separate database of prisoners who have tested positive for HIV, Hepatitis and sexually transmitted diseases and are currently in custody.
- 2) Not Applicable.
- 3) I refer the member to the answer provided in Part 1 of the question.