

**Question on Notice
No. 704
Asked on Tuesday 22 May 2007**

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

QUESTION:

How many prisoners have been disciplined for positive drug urinalysis tests and how many have had their classification altered as a result of a positive test?

ANSWER:

Targeted and random drug tests are conducted on prisoners.

I am informed by QCS that the state-wide annual usage rate for 2006 was 6.3% which is a drop of over 80% in the usage rate since 1994.

No data can be accessed in response to the second part of the question as this would require the checking of every individual prisoner file for changes to classification. In general, prisoners classifications are required to be reviewed regularly and a positive drug test result may be taken into consideration along with other factors when making a determination on an individual's classification.