

Question on Notice

No. 548

Asked on 14 July 2015

MR PERRETT ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE
(HON Y D'ATH) –

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide a breakdown, since the change of government, of the number of people who have (a) been convicted for cultivating or producing illegal drugs, and (b) been convicted for cultivating or producing illegal drugs who have received a custodial sentence?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Gympie for his question.

For the period 14 February 2015 to 14 July 2015:

- (a) 629 defendants have been convicted for cultivating or producing illegal drugs; and
- (b) 145 defendants have received a custodial sentence for cultivating or producing illegal drugs.

For the purposes of this answer a “defendant” has been defined according to the Report on Government Services (RoGS) counting rules, i.e. one defendant, with one or more charges, with all charges having the same date of registration.

A “custodial sentence” includes all types of imprisonment orders, actual time served and suspended sentences. This is consistent with the how the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) counts custodial sentences.