

Question on Notice
No. 391
Asked on 16 April 2024

MR M BERKMAN ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Queensland Police Operational Procedures Manual—

Will the Minister advise (a) if the QPS currently has operational procedures in effect in relation to drug harm reduction services, (b) when the QPS last updated its operational procedures in relation to drug harm reduction services, (c) if QPS Operational Procedures will be updated to explicitly provide for unhindered access to harm reduction services including drug checking (also known as pill testing), needle and syringe programs, and safe injecting centres and (i) if so, when and (ii) if not, why not?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS):

(a) Yes.

(b) 15 December 2023.

(c) The QPS operational procedures already facilitate public access to needle and syringe services and drug checking services in line with QPS support for Queensland Health harm reduction services.