



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–25

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: James Milligan MLA

Addressed to: Tara Cheyne MLA Minister for City and Government Services

Redirected to: Marisa Paterson MLA Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

In relation to: Road accidents and Drug-affected driving

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MR MILLIGAN: The government has started to do more roadside drug testing, and as I understand, for cocaine, ecstasy and cannabis. I am just interested to know, has it been a significant increase in the number of positive tests that have come from these drug side testings?

Ms Cheyne: It is not something that this directorate undertakes.

MR MILLIGAN: Okay.

Ms Cheyne: It is policing.

MR MILLIGAN: Yes. Covered by policing.

Ms Cheyne: Yes. So if you are attending that, maybe you could ask them. I am just reluctant to take a question on notice for another minister.

MR MILLIGAN: Yes. Okay.

Ms Cheyne: That would be mean.

MR MILLIGAN: I guess where I was heading with that is probably fairly obvious and clear is that has people being under the influence of narcotics contributed to or increased to the number of roadside accidents, incidences, injuries and/or other deaths?

Ms Cheyne: I will take that on notice unless Ms Cooks has—I will take it on notice Mr Milligan, just because I probably do need to get some information from the policing.

MR MILLIGAN: Yes. That is excellent. Thank you, Chair.

DR MARISA PATERSON MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

As of 1 January 2025, ACT Policing expanded its roadside drug testing program to include cocaine, in addition to cannabis, methamphetamines and MDMA.

The below data shows a comparison between the ten months preceding the expansion and the ten months following.

Number of persons apprehended for drink/drug driving related offences where incident involved a collision	
1 March 2024 to 31 December 2024	17
1 Jan 2025 to 31 October 2025	26

Number of road fatalities where drugs were a factor	
1 March 2024 to 31 December 2024	2
1 Jan 2025 to 31 October 2025	0


Prescribed drugs detected by ACTGAL from OFA samples

	Meth	THC	MDMA	THC Meth	Meth MDMA	THC MDMA	THC Meth MDMA	THC Meth MA Cocaine	Cocaine (only)	Meth Cocaine	THC Cocaine	MDMA Cocaine	THC MDMA Cocaine	Meth MDMA Cocaine	Meth THC Cocaine
01 Mar 2024 to 31 Dec 2024	44	61	1	49	4	2	0	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
01 Jan 2025 to 31 Oct 2025	141	115	0	87	3	6	3	6	35	14	40	6	5	3	6

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Signature:

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By the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

