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Minister for the Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence

Minister for Corrections

Minister for Gaming Reform

Member for Murrumbidgee

RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 5****11 April 2025****Question No. 306**

MS MORRIS: To ask the Minister for Corrections — How many items of (a) alcohol, (b) drug-related contraband, (c) electronic items, (d) needles/sharps, (e) medication related contraband, (f) smoking paraphernalia, (g) stolen property, (h) tattoo equipment, (i) weapon related contraband and (j) other prohibited items were confiscated by ACT Corrective Services in the 2023-24 and 2024-25 periods.

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

ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) records indicate the below contraband types were detected in the financial years 2023/24 and 2024/25 (to 31 March 2025). Tabulation of detected contraband data requires a manual process. It would require an unreasonable diversion of resources to collate this data up to 30 April 2025 within the timeframe provided, as such, data to 31 March 2025 has been provided.

Contraband Type	2023/24	2024/25 (to 31 March 2025)*
Alcohol	20	10
Drug-related contraband	108	27
Electronic items	13	11
Needles/sharps	24	18
Medication related contraband	874	N/A
Smoking paraphernalia	214	64
Stolen property	17	13
Tattoo equipment	16	N/A
Weapon related contraband	32	7
Other prohibited items	28	55

* It is noted that prior to 2024/25, each contraband item seized from an incident was individually recorded (e.g. if 10 items were seized during an incident, this would be recorded as 10). Since 2024/25, each seizure has been counted as one incident, irrespective of how many items were seized. This change in counting method is anticipated to assist when establishing trends, however no conclusion can be drawn in relation to whether there has been a decrease or increase in contraband since 2023/24. As this data has been manually tabulated, discrepancies may exist due to differing methods used in tabulation. While efforts have been made to ensure accuracy, we acknowledge that this may lead to variation in the data between instances of reporting. It is also noted that there have been minor changes to contraband categories used from one year to the next (e.g. medication related contraband and tattoo equipment are no longer used as individual categories in 2024/25 and data for these items is absorbed into other categories).

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



**Marisa Paterson MLA
Minister for Corrections**

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