

In relation to the question on notice I was asked, in relation to the number of cannabis cautions and youth cautions for cannabis offences - I am unable to provide an answer to the number of youth cautions as the release of such information is prohibited under the Young Offenders Act. In providing this response I rely on the following advice I have received:

"At present, Section 66 of the Young Offenders Act 1997 (YOA) makes it an offence to divulge any information or record regarding a legal action taken in accordance with the YOA. Section 73 of the YOA allows for the making of regulations regarding the release of such information and the Young Offenders Regulation 2010 now allows for the release of records and information regarding warnings, cautions & youth conferences to BOCSAR and only BOCSAR."

Office of the General Counsel and Police Prosecutions advise that "information or records" includes counts of warnings, cautions or youth conferences, as well as detailed listings.

I have submitted a request in relation to the number of first and second cannabis cautions issued during 2010, 2011 and 2012 and that information will be sent through as soon as possible. Supt David Scrimgeour will be relieving as Command Drug and Alcohol Coordination whilst I am on leave.

regards

Pat Paroz

As per attached correspondence I have obtained the following figures in relation to Cannabis Cautioning as requested

Number of cautions and second cautions. The following information has been taken from COPs.

2010	4698	First cannabis cautions
2010	464	Second cannabis cautions
2011	5269	First cannabis cautions
2011	542	Second cannabis cautions
2012	5500	First cannabis cautions
2012	597	Second cannabis cautions

I trust this meets your needs

Regards

David Scrimgeour
A/ Commander
Drug and Alcohol Coordination

Please see attached hyperlinks or references that should satisfy the issues around mental health etc.

Ref: A review of the Literature on marijuana and interpersonal violence (Todd M. Moore, Gregory L. Stuart)

Ref: Cannabis use and mental health in young people: cohort study (George C. Patton et al)

Ref: Medical marijuana laws in 50 states: investigating the relationship between state legalization of medical marijuana and marijuana use, abuse and dependence (Magdalena Cerda et al)

[http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Prod/parlment/committee.nsf/0/12da52e93b05da4fca257b1a00165a6e/\\$FILE/0021%2520AMA.pdf](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Prod/parlment/committee.nsf/0/12da52e93b05da4fca257b1a00165a6e/$FILE/0021%2520AMA.pdf)

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[http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Prod/parlment/committee.nsf/0/bd9945537f08f75aca257b27000be7a2/\\$FILE/0056_National_Cannabis_Prevention_&_Information_Centre%255B1%255D.pdf](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Prod/parlment/committee.nsf/0/bd9945537f08f75aca257b27000be7a2/$FILE/0056_National_Cannabis_Prevention_&_Information_Centre%255B1%255D.pdf)

Police Air Wing costs: Cost of single engine aircraft as used on the Cannabis Eradication Program (CEP) \$2799.50/hr. This includes everything (i.e. pilot / crew salaries / engineering / fuel, cost of helicopter all broken down to this single amount).

Actual fuel costs only for the program with the cost of Jet A1 fuel for the aircraft fluctuates around the \$1.50 per litre. This aircraft take 540 litres of fuel and uses fuel at the rate of 180 litres per hour. A full day on the program will get about 5 hours flying time which costs about \$1350 for the day.

Cannabis seizures between 2002 and 2012 are as follows (indoor stats commenced in 2005)

By Number of detections;

Cannabis leaf/resin/seed/unknown	134521 detections
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By weight

Cannabis leaf/resin/seed/unknown	34949 kgs
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By plant

Indoor (since 2005)	155491 plants
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Outdoor (CEP seizures only)	108551 plants
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Regards,

Nick Bingham

Detective Superintendent
Commander – Drug Squad