

COMMITTEE QUESTION ON NOTICE

Question asked by: Dr Cummings

Directed to: Department of Justice and Community Safety

Asked on: 1 June 2021

Question:

Provide copies of documents referred to in your opening presentation.

Reply:

As part of my introductory statement, I referred the Committee to information about the Drug Court, Court Integrated Service Program (CISP) and Criminal Justice Diversion Program (CJDP). Further information about these programs is available here:

- Drug Court: https://www.mcv.vic.gov.au/about_us/drug-court
- CISP: <https://www.mcv.vic.gov.au/find-support/bail-support-cisp>
- CJDP: <https://www.mcv.vic.gov.au/find-support/diversion> or <https://www.mcv.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2018-10/Criminal%20Justice%20Diversion%20Program%20brochure.pdf>

In addition, evaluations of each of these programs are available here:

- Drug Court: <https://www.mcv.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2018-10/Evaluation%20of%20the%20Drug%20Court%20of%20Victoria.pdf>
- CISP: <https://www.mcv.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2018-10/CISP%20tackling%20the%20causes%20of%20crime.pdf>
- CJDP: <https://www.mcv.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2018-10/Court%20diversion%20program%20evaluation%20overview.pdf>

In my response on page 8 of the transcript, I quoted statistics from:

- Crime Statistics Agency: <https://www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au/crime-statistics>
- National Drug Research Institute 2020: <https://ndri.curtin.edu.au/ndri/media/documents/publications/T287.pdf>
- Sentencing Advisory Council report on trends in minor drug offences sentenced in the Magistrates' Court: [Trends in Minor Drug Offences Sentenced in the Magistrates' Court of Victoria \(sentencingcouncil.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.sentencingcouncil.vic.gov.au).

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