

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO H.M. ATTORNEY GENERAL  
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 4th MARCH 2024  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 11th MARCH 2024**

**Question**

“Will H.M. Attorney General state whether the synthetic cannabinoid 5F-MDMB-PICA is a controlled drug under the [Misuse of Drugs \(Jersey\) Law 1978](#); and will he provide details of the 2 offences recorded in relation to this substance in the response to the Freedom of Information request entitled ‘[Drug convictions in 2022 and 2017 to 2021](#)’ that was published in December 2023?”

**Answer**

The synthetic cannabinoid 5F-MDMB-PICA (methyl-2-(1-(5-fluoropentyl)indole-3-carboxamido)-3,3-dimethylbutanoate) is a controlled drug under the Misuse of Drugs (Jersey) Law 1978 (“1978 Law”).

It is controlled under Class B, Part 2 of the Second Schedule to the 1978 Law by virtue of being a compound structurally related to 1-pentyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-018) with the following modifications. Replacement of the methanone linking group with a carboxamide group and replacement of the 1-naphthyl ring with 1-hydroxy-1-oxopropan-2-yl with further substitution of fluorine in the pentyl chain and a trimethylmethyl group in the 1-hydroxy-1-oxopropan-2-yl structure.

With regard to the two cases referred to in the Freedom of Information request, 2 defendants were sentenced in the Magistrate’s Court, for 1 month and 6 months respectively, for having 5F-MDMB-PICA in their possession at HMP La Moye.