

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2025**

**Question**

“Will the Minister provide details of the following substance misuse matters for the last five years, broken down by month –

- (a) the number of cannabis users in contact with the criminal justice system broken down, where possible, into those using prescribed cannabis and those using non-prescribed cannabis;
- (b) the number of people prosecuted for importing cannabis;
- (c) the number of people, of all ages, prosecuted for supplying cannabis; and
- (d) the number of people prosecuted for consuming cannabis?”

**Answer**

- (a) The number of cannabis users in contact with the criminal justice system broken down, where possible, into those using prescribed cannabis and those using non-prescribed cannabis.

The States of Jersey Police (SoJP) cannot accurately provide data on cannabis ‘users’ as SoJP data relates primarily to subjects who have been reported/investigated/prosecuted for offences involving the importation, supply or possession of cannabis. An important distinction to note is that not all persons being prosecuted will, necessarily, be cannabis users.

It can be construed that all offenders prosecuted for cannabis offences (as outlined in the data below) are or have been in contact with the Criminal Justice system for possession of non-prescribed cannabis. SoJP data cannot be readily researched for prescribed vs non-prescribed cannabis accurately. In order to provide accurate data a manual search of all cannabis related investigations would be required.

It should also be noted that the figures included in this answer relate to prosecutions, and not discrete individuals. Individuals may be subject to more than one prosecution.

- (b) Table 1 below outlines the number of people prosecuted for importing cannabis. These figures do not include written cautions.

| <b>JCIS prosecutions for cannabis importation</b> |             |             |             |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | <b>2020</b> | <b>2021</b> | <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>2024</b> |
| <b>January</b>                                    | 3           | 2           | 1           | 1           | 0           |
| <b>February</b>                                   | 1           | 2           | 0           | 0           | 3           |
| <b>March</b>                                      | 1           | 4           | 0           | 3           | 0           |
| <b>April</b>                                      | 6           | 3           | 0           | 0           | 1           |
| <b>May</b>  | 2           | 1           | 0           | 1           | 0           |
| <b>June</b>                                       | 3           | 1           | 1           | 3           | 1           |
| <b>July</b>                                       | 2           | 1           | 1           | 0           | 2           |
| <b>August</b>                                     | 2           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| <b>September</b>                                  | 1           | 0           | 0           | 1           | 0           |
| <b>October</b>                                    | 2           | 0           | 2           | 1           | 2           |
| <b>November</b>                                   | 3           | 0           | 1           | 2           | 2           |
| <b>December</b>                                   | 1           | 0           | 1           | 0           | 0           |
|   | <b>27</b>   | <b>14</b>   | <b>7</b>    | <b>12</b>   | <b>11</b>   |

| <b>SOJP prosecutions for cannabis importation</b> |      |      |      |      |      |              |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|--------------|
| 2020  | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | <b>Total</b> |
| 1   | 0    | 0    | 3    | 5    | 1    | <b>10</b>    |

- (c) The number of people, of all ages, prosecuted for supplying cannabis. The below figures include prosecutions for offences of supplying cannabis and possession with intent to supply cannabis.

| 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------------|
| 12   | 16   | 9    | 6    | 0    | 1    | <b>44</b>    |

- (d) The number of people prosecuted for the offence of possession of cannabis. There is no specific offence for 'consuming' cannabis.

| 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------------|
| 105  | 76   | 86   | 92   | 73   | 1    | <b>433</b>   |