

23rd May 2005

Ms Geraldine Mullins Spokesperson Coalition Against Drugs (WA) 1st Floor 949 Wellington Street WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Geraldine

Thank you for your contact on Monday 23rd May 2005.

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I enclose a copy of the Misuse of Drugs Act for your information. A close reading of the Act indicates that there is no capacity for any person to be in possession of any prohibited substances set out in the schedules without the Police having a duty to arrest and charge such persons.

I have highlighted the Act and Schedules in yellow pen, again for your information. I have looked at the issue that you have raised and am attempting to obtain the definitive answer as to the definition of "a small amount" as prescribed in the IDDI info on the web.

I shall come back to you.

Yours sincerely

David Johnston

Senator for Western Australia

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