

Questions 1-8

Festival	a) Total Strip Searches	b) Strip Searches - Resulted in Drug Detection	c) Strip Searches - Juvenile	d) Strip Searches - Drug Detection Dog Used
1. Midnight Mafia, 3 May 2025	14	3	0	8
2. Blues Fest, 17-20 April 2025	0	0	0	0
3. Knockout, 5 October 2024	30	19	0	26
4. Listen Out, 6 October 2024	26	20	0	18
5. Laneway, 9 February 2025	11	11	0	10
6. Yours And Owls, 1-2 March 2025	7	2	0	3
7. Tamworth Country Music Festival, 17-26 January 2025	0	0	0	0
8. Parkes Elvis Festival, 8-12 January 2025	0	0	0	0

Question 9

To respond to this request, Statistical Services extracts data recorded in the Computerised Operational Policing System (COPS). This system includes all variables that would be relevant to this request (e.g. Incident Start Date, Incident Location, Incident Category, Search Type). Variables related to “Drug Type” and “Drug Weight/Quantity” also exist within the COPS system, however they are unreliable for the following reasons:

- “Drug Type” is only a preliminary response entered at the time a police officer is recording an incident. The drug selected may be based on a subjective inference made by the officer or admissions made by the person of interest. This may not reflect the lab test result in our evidence record system or the drug referenced during any subsequent legal action – which are both recorded in separate systems.
- “Drug Weight/Quantity” is only a preliminary response entered at the time a police officer is recording an incident. The figure may include the weight of the bag/container the drug was found in, may cumulatively count multiple bag/containers in one record and is not recorded consistently. This may not reflect the weight recorded in our evidence record system or the weight referenced during any subsequent legal action – which are both recorded in separate systems.

Overall, the “Drug Type” and “Drug Weight/Quantity” variables exist in COPS as a preliminary indication for operational purposes only and may not be accurate. These records are not used for evidentiary purposes and do not inform any subsequent legal action.

Notes on Data:

- Data source: edwdb-sql
- Data extracted: 04/06/2025
- Data refreshed: 03/06/2025
- Date Parameter: Incident Start Date
- Incident Veracity: Accepted & Doubtful
- Incident Category: Powers – Person Search
- Search Type: Strip
- Measure: Count of unique involvements
- Questions specific parameters:
 - b) Strip Searches Resulting in a Drug Detection
 - Incident Further Classification: Item/Object Found
 - Involved Object Type: Drug
 - c) Strip Searches – Juvenile
 - Incident Related Legal Age: Juvenile, Below Criminal Age
 - d) Strip Searches – Drug Detection Dog Used
 - Dog Assign Key: NOT NULL
- The methodology used to determine whether incidents are linked to music festivals is done based on two parameters:
 1. The incident has an incident start date which occurred on the date of the festival.
 2. The incident satisfied at least one of the following 3 requirements:
 - a) The incident was linked to a relevant operation related to the music festival.
 - b) The incident location was recorded at the same property name as the music festival.
 - c) The incident location was recorded within the same suburb as the music festival.
- The above methodology is not precise, and we cannot confirm that every incident returned specifically relates to the music festival in question. Because the methodology returns all incidents within a suburb on a particular day, there is a high likelihood of overcounting.
- The methodology requires Statistical Services to assess each music festival individually and define the relevant parameters based on both open-source information and information available in the COPS database.
- Checks reveal that the “Parkes Elvis Festival” occurred between 8-12 January NOT 7-12 January as specified in the original question. Because of this, the parameters were refined for this festival to 8-12 January 2025.
- Please note, data for this request was sourced using Structured Query Language (SQL) to query the EDWdb-SQL database. The methodology used is outside the scope of what is possible when using an EDW Workbook connection to a prefabricated cube, however Statistical Services have exercised discretion in responding to this request.