

INDUSTRIAL HEMP

**244. Hon SOPHIA MOERMOND to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:**

I refer to my question without notice 1131, asked on 16 November.

- (1) Has the number of current hemp licences issued changed from 69?
- (2) Given there were only five reported plantings earlier in the season, has there been an increase in the number of plantings reported for the 2022–23 season?

**Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Yes; there are 63 current licences and two applications pending.
- (2) Yes; 18 licensees are currently cultivating.