

CANNABIS — MEDICAL EFFICACY RESEARCH

984. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the Minister for Medical Research:

I refer the minister to state funding provided in Germany via the dedicated German Research Foundation to researchers at the University of Jena who recently published a seminal paper in the journal *Cell Chemical Biology* explaining in detail for the first time the way in which cannabidiol induces a switch in immune cells to counter inflammation. How many research projects into the medical efficacy of cannabis and/or CBD have the Cook and McGowan governments funded since taking office; and, if there have been any, will the minister please list them and the dollar amounts in each instance?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

A search of the future health research and innovation fund grants database has returned nil funding submissions or funding awarded for projects relating to the medical efficacy of cannabis and/or CBD. That is not to say that such a project could not apply for funding. I remind the member that he can subscribe to the future health research and innovation fund newsletter that identifies when new grant rounds are open. Over the next four years, about \$250 million in grant funding will be provided for medical research or innovation. The member might want to tell his stakeholders that.