

CANNABIS — LEGALISATION

**1250. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

I refer the Premier to a recent paper published by academics employed by the Irish Health Research Board in Dublin, which looked at trends in public attitudes towards recreational cannabis legalisation and suggests that support in that jurisdiction had grown by a third—from 19.1 per cent in 2007 to 29.9 per cent in 2020.

Will the Cook government engage in any consultation ahead of the next election to better understand the developing public view with regards to cannabis here in Western Australia; and, if not, why not?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

The state government has no plans to legalise recreational cannabis. The state government remains committed to ensuring there is access to medicinal cannabis for people with medical needs. This includes enabling general practitioners to prescribe medicinal cannabis to patients.