

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN STATE FLAG — HEMP

1497. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

With WA Day behind us, and 4 July fast approaching, I refer the Treasurer to reports from North Dakota, where the State legislature recently passed a resolution encouraging the purchase of US flags made of hemp, noting that “historians assert that the first United States flags were made from hemp”, with the end product being both stronger than cotton and fading “less than other fabrics”, and I ask, how many State flags does the Government purchase annually, and at what cost?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

This detailed information is not readily available, and to collate this information would divert staff—across every government department or agency—away from their normal duties. Therefore, it is not considered to be a reasonable or appropriate use of government resources and I am not prepared to allocate the State’s resources to provide a response.