

CANNABIS — POST-MORTEM SAMPLING

567. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer the minister to recent research undertaken in Canada that quantified the number of autopsies in which traces of cannabis were detected, both before and after legalisation, as cannabis use can be tracked via post-mortem blood sampling.

- (1) How many road fatalities were there in Western Australia in 2022?
- (2) How many of those fatalities led to an autopsy?
- (3) How many, if any, of those autopsies showed traces of cannabis in the deceased's system?
- (4) How does that figure compare with the figure recorded in 2021?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Police.

The Western Australia Police Force advises the following.

- (1) There were 175 road fatalities in WA in 2022.
- (2)–(4) A response to these questions cannot be provided within the required time frame. The honourable member may wish to place these questions on notice.