

CANCER — PALLIATIVE TREATMENT

507. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer the minister to the study undertaken last year by Mater Hospital in Brisbane, in conjunction with the University of Queensland, suggesting that CBD oil alone is not an effective palliative treatment for patients with advanced cancer and that a THC element must also be present.

- (1) How many Western Australians receive a cancer diagnosis each year and how many of those cases are terminal within five years of the initial diagnosis?
- (2) What percentage, if any, of palliative treatments currently on offer in Western Australia consist of CBD oil alone?
- (3) Given the need to enhance palliative care treatments across Australia, what is the McGowan government doing to improve our knowledge of the role that cannabis can potentially play in its treatment?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

The answer is that it will take more time to get the answer, but I point out to the honourable member that part (1) of his question is: how many Western Australians receive a cancer diagnosis each year and how many of those cases are terminal within five years of the initial diagnosis? In a four-hour turnaround, that is an enormous amount of information to gather. The answer is that an answer will be provided to the member on Thursday, 18 May 2023.