

CANNABIS — PESTICIDE RESEARCH

1108. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer the minister to a recent study published by academics in Brazil titled “Cannabis sativa: A look at protozoa, helminths, insect vectors, and pests”, which concludes that cannabis sativa constituents can be effective in the formulation of particular types of pesticides.

- (1) Is the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development aware of this research and the potential to use extracts from the cannabis plant to create pesticides for vector control?
- (2) Is the minister aware of any similar or complementary research being undertaken here in Western Australia?
- (3) If no to (2), would the minister consider encouraging such research for the benefit of the WA agricultural community as a whole?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

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

- (1)–(3) Pesticides used in Australian agriculture are approved by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority. I am not aware of any research in this area.