

CANNABIS — LEGALISATION

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

I refer the minister to a recent report published in the United States that cites numerous academic papers showing that states that continue to criminalise cannabis see people initiate use at a younger age, consume more frequently and drive while under the influence more often than those in states that have legalised cannabis.

- (1) Is the government committed, as I am, to reducing both youth experimentation and drug-related driving incidents?
- (2) If it is, will the minister follow the science and pass these latest findings to the WA Police Force, the Road Safety Commission and the Road Safety Council so that they can each consider the potential impacts of the research here in WA and advise him accordingly?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The minister will continue to work with the WA Police Force and the Minister for Road Safety to minimise drug-related driving incidents on WA roads.