

CANNABIS CONTROL ACT — POLICE RESOURCES

1160. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer the minister to the Cannabis Control Act 2003.

- (1) Is the government aware of any studies that were undertaken to examine the commitment of police time and resources to cannabis and cannabis-related offences in anticipation of the 2003 legislation being introduced?
- (2) Were any submissions received from the Western Australia Police Force or other interested parties, either at that time or since, on the allocation of police time and resources to cannabis-related offences?
- (3) If yes to either (1) or (2), will the minister table those reports and/or submissions; and, if not, why not?

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.

A response to these questions cannot be provided within the required time frame. The honourable member may wish to place these questions on notice. Because the honourable member asked for information from 2003, it would require significant work to go back through the records. If the member puts the question on notice, he will get an answer at some stage.