

VAPE STORES — DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ADVICE

1092. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer the minister to numerous examples of verbal advice offered by officers of the Department of Health to vape store owners between 2018 and 2021 that confirmed that it was legal to sell composite parts of a vape under WA law.

- (1) Are there any written guidelines with which officers of the Department of Health are expected to comply when offering verbal advice, either in person or over the telephone, to WA businesses on the legality and permissibility of their business practices; and, if there are, will she table those guidelines?
- (2) Are any records of such verbal advice maintained; and, if not, why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

I do not accept the premise of the question. The member purports to have examples of verbal advice provided by the Department of Health, but has been unable to produce evidence of formal advice to date. However, to allow for a fulsome and accurate answer, I request that the honourable member place his question on notice.