

MEDICAL CANNABIS

**1000. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Road Safety:**

I refer the minister to research undertaken in Italy and published earlier this year in the journal *Current Pharmaceutical Biotechnology* under the article title “Cannabis and Driving: Developing Guidelines for Safety Policies”, which concludes that the regulation of cannabis users behind the wheel is necessary but also achievable.

- (1) Will the minister ensure that this research is considered by the recently announced medicinal cannabis and safe driving working group, not least because it concludes that a THC cut-off between 3.5 and 5 nanograms a millilitre is a more balanced way to approach this than the current zero-tolerance model we have in place?
- (2) Can the minister inform the house when the working group is likely to hold its first meeting, and what time frame, if any, it has been given for a reporting deadline?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1) Any specific research considered by the medicinal cannabis and safe driving working group will be a matter for the working group.
- (2) It is anticipated that the working group will commence this year.