

VAPING INDUSTRY REGULATION

1051. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

In light of yesterday's federal budget, I refer the minister to an article published yesterday, 25 October, in *The Australian* titled "Vaping blitz an \$800m budget lift".

- (1) Was the McGowan government aware ahead of Hon Mark Butler's announcement that its federal Labor colleagues intended to introduce regulations in this space?
- (2) If no to (1), will the minister push for better and more frequent communications between her state and federal colleagues so that they can better coordinate their messaging?
- (3) Given that the Albanese government clearly believes that regulation is the best way to stamp out black market practices, will the McGowan government reconsider and follow Labor's national example here in WA?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) The sale and supply of e-cigarette and nicotine vaping products is strictly controlled under state and federal legislation. The illicit sale and supply of these products is of national concern and is the subject of concerted action by states, territories and the Australian government.