

CANNABIS — LEGALISATION

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

I refer the minister to recent developments in Switzerland where the government, concerned at the possible ramifications of cannabis legalisation, has commenced a one-and-a-half year trial with 400 participants able to buy cannabis legally, while under strict and regular monitoring by the University Psychiatric Clinics Basel for any ill effects. If, as it seems to be, the Cook government is concerned about the ramifications of legalising cannabis, will it commit to a similar monitored trial here in Western Australia; 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.

It is not a priority of the Cook Labor government to implement a similar trial in Western Australia as there are existing laws in place regarding cannabis possession and use.