

CANNABIS — LEGALISATION

1330. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the Leader of the House representing the Treasurer:

I refer the Premier, in his role as our state Treasurer, to the announcement by the state government of extended retail trading hours over Christmas, beginning on Saturday, 10 December.

- (1) Is the government aware of data from the United States, released last month by web-based analytics company Weedmaps, showing that in jurisdictions that have legalised cannabis, sales increased over the holiday period by as much as 30 per cent, adding many thousands of dollars to local economies?
- (2) Given this festive potential, will the Treasurer give Western Australians an early Christmas present by instructing Treasury to report on the potential impacts of cannabis legalisation on the WA economy, be it at Christmas or throughout the year, with an aim to tabling a report in Parliament before Santa gets much older?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I almost feel bad giving the honourable member this answer, because that was the cutest version yet he has given of getting cannabis related to everything. But on behalf of the Treasurer, I advise the following.

- (1)–(2) No.