

HEALTH — VAPING INDUSTRY REGULATION

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

I refer the minister to her widely publicised comments on vaping, as reported by *The West Australian* on Friday, 10 June 2022.

- (1) What impact does the minister believe her “scare campaign”—to quote the front page of *The West*—will have on the legitimate medical use of vape technology as a cessation aid for those addicted to tobacco and as a delivery device for pain relief in terms of medicinal cannabis, both of which are currently legal prescription options open to doctors here in WA?
- (2) If the intention of the minister’s campaign is to reduce the harm caused by unregulated, backstreet products, will the McGowan government commit to introducing a proper system of regulation for the vaping industry here in this state, rather than threatening to shut it down?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1) There is no impact anticipated for the legitimate supply of nicotine or medicinal cannabis. Both nicotine and medicinal cannabis are regulated by the Therapeutic Goods Administration and the Medicines and Poisons Act 2014. Devices designed and intended for delivery of nicotine or medicinal cannabis may be supplied by a registered pharmacy in line with a prescription.
- (2) It is an offence under section 106 of the Tobacco Products Control Act 2006 to sell an e-cigarette device with or without nicotine.

**The PRESIDENT:** I am going to give the call to Hon Nick Goiran. I am aware that he is going to ask a question on behalf of a member who would be next in rotation.