

HEMP — VINEYARD COVER CROP

**1296. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:**

I refer the minister to recently published and very exciting research from New Zealand suggesting that hemp is an ideal cover crop, or intercrop, for use in vineyards.

- (1) Have any WA vineyards applied to grow hemp alongside their vines to date?
- (2) Were they to do so, what additional regulatory and/or legislative hurdles, if any, might they encounter when selling their wines for general consumption?

**Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:**

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

- (1) No.
- (2) Were a grower to apply to use industrial hemp as a cover crop in a vineyard, there would be no additional regulatory or legislative requirements.