

CANNABIS — LEGALISATION

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

Noting that tomorrow is St Patrick's Day, I refer the minister to the recently published report by the Irish Senate's cross-party Committee on Justice, which recommended that the Irish government consider a policy of decriminalisation of possession of a range of drugs including cannabis.

- (1) Is the minister aware of this report and its recommendations?
- (2) Will the minister take this opportunity, on the eve of the world's largest and greenest Irish celebration, to consider advocating for a similar approach here in Western Australia, a state which was founded, in large part, by Irish convict settlers, many of whose crimes would nowadays be dismissed by any right-minded court?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question, and I take this opportunity to wish everybody who is Irish, and those who would like to be, a very happy St Patrick's Day for tomorrow. I provide the following information on behalf of the Minister for Police.

- (1)–(2) No.