

SCIENCE POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

**198. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the minister representing the Minister for Science:**

I refer the minister to the federal government's laudable Australian Science Policy Fellowship program, established to give scientists the opportunity to work in an Australian government department for up to 12 months, for which the 2023–24 applications opened this week.

- (1) Does the state government have any similar program in place to allow scientists to work on and influence its policy framework on a short-term basis; and, if so, will the minister update the house on the details of such a program?
- (2) If no to (1), will the minister consider advocating for the creation of such a scheme here in Western Australia?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

Honourable member, I again do not have the answer in my file. I saw the question earlier today so the advisers will look for it and if we can find it, we will give the answer to the member at the end of question time.