

CANNABIS — POLICE SEIZURES

1301. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer the minister to various recent cannabis arrests, including that of a man in Camillo, Armadale, in my electorate, in late October of this year.

- (1) What is the total weight and/or number of cannabis plants seized by the Western Australia Police Force to date in this calendar year?
- (2) How does that amount compare to that seized over each of the last five years?
- (3) What street value does WA Police place on this year's seized material?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Police. The Western Australia Police Force advise as follows.

- (1) A total of 7 464 cannabis plants were seized.
- (2) The number of cannabis plants recorded as seized or found by the WA Police Force between 1 January and 29 November inclusive for the years between 2017 and 2021 was: 14 136 in 2017; 24 704 in 2018; 17 278 in 2019; 34 460 in 2020; and 9 856 in 2021.
- (3) The street value of seized cannabis plants is unable to be accurately determined.

The figures in the answers to questions (1) and (2) are provisional and subject to revision.