

CANNABIS — DRIVER IMPAIRMENT STUDY

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

I refer the minister to a recent study entitled *Assessing the impact of marijuana decriminalization on vehicle accident experience* published by the Canadian Institute of Actuaries, which concludes that cannabis legalisation is not connected to an increase in road accidents or the severity of crashes.

- (1) Is WAPOL aware of this important study undertaken in a jurisdiction that is years ahead of our own when it comes to cannabis normalisation?
- (2) Will the minister follow the science, and commit to feeding the data from this report into any discussions around the establishment of a valid impairment test for drivers here in WA, as opposed to the current lazy and highly inaccurate presence model upon which the state has relied for so many years?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question and I answer on behalf of the minister representing the Minister for Police. The following information has been provided by the Minister for Police.

- (1) No.
- (2) The Minister for Police will take advice from the Western Australia Police Force, the Road Safety Commission, and the Road Safety Council on road safety matters.