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HEROIN TRIALS

522. Mr BOARD to the Minister for Health:

I refer the minister to recommendation 29 from the Community Drug Summit, which recommends the provision of a heroin prescription treatment. Given Kim Beazley's commitment that a federal Labor Government would not stand in the way of planned state heroin trials, will the minister admit that this Government intends to introduce such trials?

Mr KUCERA replied:

I can hear the noise of a federal election here somewhere. In a statement in the House the other day I said that I would not allow the excellent work done by the people of the Drug Summit to become a political football. Obviously the member for Murdoch is intent on undoing its good work.