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138. Mr M.F. BOARD to the Minister for Health:

I refer the minister to recent research from Maastricht University in the Netherlands which found that people who smoke cannabis are almost three times more likely to develop psychotic disorders, such as hallucinations, paranoia, manic depression and schizophrenia. Under Labor's cannabis proposals, will there be mandatory education classes for offenders or public health campaigns to explain the adverse health effects of cannabis?

Mr R.C. KUCERA replied:

I am glad to see that at last there is an informed opposition spokesperson on drugs in the House. The answer to both of those questions is yes.