

CANNABIS — LEGALISED JURISDICTIONS — ALCOHOL USE DISORDER

536. Hon SOPHIA MOERMOND to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

I refer the minister to recent changes to alcohol supply in Alice Springs put in place by the Northern Territory government, as well as our own banned drinkers register operating in regional Western Australia.

- (1) Is the minister aware of a recent federally funded twin study out of the United States and published by the University of Cambridge suggesting that those living in states that have legalised cannabis have demonstrably lower instances of alcohol use disorder than those living in jurisdictions where cannabis remains illegal?
- (2) Will the McGowan government take these findings into consideration when it considers its approach to alcohol in regional Western Australia?
- (3) What conversations, if any, has the minister had with Aboriginal stakeholders on the view held by our First Nations people on cannabis and its potential role in reducing alcohol dependency within Indigenous communities?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

This question crosses multiple portfolios and the answer cannot be coordinated in the time available. The honourable member is requested to place the question on notice.