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Inquiry into Drugs of Dependence (Personal Cannabis Use) Amendment Bill 2018
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE # 2

Asked by Caroline Le Couteur MLA -

In relation to the proposed government amendment on wet versus dry and 50g limit:

1. Does the Government's amendment to distinguish between wet and dry cannabis apply only to plant material that has been harvested?
2. Is there a maximum weight that a person can have while still on the plant (i.e. would people have to limit the growth of their plants)?
3. Does the 50g limit only apply to dried leaf or also seeds?
4. What about oil?
5. What about where people are using larger quantities of the wet/green plant for medicinal purposes?

The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

1. The Government's proposed amendments to distinguish between fresh and dry cannabis would allow for individuals to legally possess 150 grams of cannabis that has been harvested but not dried. A limit of 50 grams would remain in place for dried cannabis, regardless of whether it is harvested by the individual.
2. The Government is not proposing an amendment of this nature.
3. Under amendments proposed by the Government, the 50 gram limit for dried cannabis would continue to apply to dried cannabis including leaves and seeds as is the case under the current definition of cannabis in the *Drugs of Dependence Act 1989*.
4. The Government is not proposing amendments that would include oils in the definition of cannabis.
5. Medicinal cannabis refers to cannabis products that are regulated as prescription pharmaceutical formulations with known ingredients and concentrations that meet high standards of manufacturing quality. This differs to raw botanical cannabis that is smoked or consumed for recreational or perceived medical purposes.

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Signature: 

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By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA