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Date : 31/10/2020

Subject: Cannabis and the Assisted Dying Bill in Ireland

A day after New Zealand voters rejected
 cannabis legalization, Germany's Parliament does too (With thanks to SAM
 USA)

On 30/10/2020 15:43 [REDACTED] wrote:

[REDACTED]

International Drug Policy and Humanitarian Consultancy

Drugs are illegal because they are dangerous - They are not
 dangerous because they are illegal
 Prevent - Don't promote(UNODC)

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A chara,

The recent Bill introduced to the Dáil by PBP Deputy Gino Kenny for assisted dying neatly used the opportunity to tie in the legalisation of cannabis.

Gino Kenny and People Before Profit Party have been long-time crusaders for normalising the use of this drug, as has the partner of the late [REDACTED] RIP. When interviewed on TV, he spoke of its supposed benefits. The Green Party, of course, are notorious in defence of the weed. Their drug policy calls for Dutch style coffee shops in Ireland. Fortunately, medicine is not passed as fit for purpose based on opinion. It is science-based for our own safety. Remember Thalidomide?

Our FF Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly also has shown his lack of knowledge in this area by pronouncing his view that cannabis should be legalised when he was appointed (a worrying appointment by any standards). However, for the sake of public health let's hope the minister's highly-paid advisers, with the help of Civil Servants, will educate him accordingly. We can all learn more, but please not at the expense of sick people.

I am forwarding with respect to your offices a letter by my colleague [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and ask that you and your advisers study the contents. Any attempt to sneak through a change in the law relating to normalising cannabis use by claiming that it has medical benefits in the Bill on Assisting Dying (or at any future time) must be exposed for what it is.

I am a trained counsellor (retired) who has worked for many years with families adversely affected by this drug, and am now a [REDACTED] patient. I am advising in the strongest language: Do not attempt to use those of us who are sick and vulnerable to promote the lie that this drug would be beneficial. There are scientifically-proven safe medicines available..... including cannabis derivatives. A national referendum in New Zealand has to-day announced the people there voted NOT to legalise/decriminalise cannabis (see attached). I fully appreciate the government is grappling with BREXIT and Covid-19 as are all of us, but the drug 'normalisation' movement is equally engaged in promoting the normalisation of cannabis and other drugs and we must be watchful.

If you want to smoke dope there is always the option of relocating to the Netherlands. While not legal the police turn a blind eye, resulting in our drug dealers locating there. The Netherlands has the reputation of being Europe's drug capital. Be careful what you wish for.

My colleague [REDACTED] letter to Drink and Drug News says it all. You as elected politicians have a duty of care to the electorate.
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[REDACTED]

Women of Europe Award – Médaille de Maire de Strasbourg – Médaille de Maire de Paris – Swedish Parent Award – Lord Mayor's Award Dublin – EURAD Awards –(2004 – 2008) DrMareesevanSwinderenfonds (Netherlands) Award – Excelency Diploma International Centre for Anti Drugs and Human Rights (ICHR)Romania Co founder Hon President EURAD - Drug Free Nation Pakistan Advisory Board - PREDA Foundation Philippines Board; PADDI Foundation, Lagos; cannabis skunk sense UK;DBRecovery Resources UK; Modige Moeders Netherlands; IOGT Norway; A-Ceart Road Safety Ireland USA State Department Visitors Programme 1991

To the editor:

Dear [REDACTED]

This letter is in response to the article written by Nick Goldstein about 'Medical Marijuana' in the last edition of Drink and Drug News.

There is no such thing as 'Medical Marijuana'. To use the term is not only wrong but dangerous as it refers to the whole drug, consisting of hundreds of different compounds. However two of the extracts of cannabis, THC and CBD, purified and having undergone mandatory clinical testing have been passed for medical use.

THC in the synthetic form of Nabilone (Dronabinol Cesamet, Marinol, Syndros) increases the appetite of cancer patients, is an anti-emetic and a sleep-apnea reliever.

It also is effective for HIV/AIDS induced anorexia and chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting only.

CBD as Epidiolex is used for 2 types of severe epilepsy.

Professor David Nutt is quoted – why? He is a self confessed pro-legaliser and was sacked from the ACMD for his views.

The whole truth of the harms of cannabis use is still not publicised fully. It has been proved to cause psychosis, brain damage, cancers, dependence and addiction. It adversely affects the immune, heart and reproductive systems. It causes depression aggression, violence, suicides, respiratory and cognitive problems.

Today's cannabis is many times stronger than that used in the past. It is a truly dangerous drug.

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----- Message from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on Fri, 30 Oct 2020 18:28:07 -0400 (EDT) -----

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BREAKING NEWS: GERMANY REJECTS MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 30, 2020 3:25PM EST

BREAKING NEWS: GERMANY'S BUNDESTANG REJECTS MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

A day after New Zealand
voters rejected
legalization, Germany's
Parliament does too

(Berlin, Germany) - Today,
the federal parliament of
Germany, led by German
Chancellor Angela Merkel's
Union Party, soundly
rejected an effort to
legalize marijuana. Major
marijuana executives in
North America had predicted
Germany would legalize. Only
two countries on earth have
instituted marijuana
legalization, both by
legislation.

"Once again, a robust
democracy looking at the
science has rejected the
legalization of marijuana,"
said SAM President Kevin
Sabet. "This multi-partisan
vote shows how wide and deep
opposition to marijuana
legalization in Germany
really is."

"We hear so often of
Europe's lax approach to
marijuana. But in reality,

the policies implemented in several US states are far weaker than any European policies. And, as witnessed today, legalization is often outright rejected."

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About SAM

Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) is a nonpartisan, non-profit alliance of physicians, policy makers, prevention workers, treatment and recovery professionals, scientists, and other concerned citizens opposed to marijuana legalization who want health and scientific evidence to guide marijuana policies. SAM has affiliates around the world and in virtually every US state.

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Más rud é go measann tú gur ábhar colúil atá san ábhar atá sa teachtaireacht seo is ceart duit dul i dteagmháil leis an seoltóir láithreach agus le mailminder[ag]justice.ie chomh maith.

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From: Orla X. Mullen
Sent: Monday 15 June 2020 14:48
To: 'Parliamentary Questions'; Tr-CrimCE
Subject: RE: PQ 11995/20, for answer 23/06/2020, Written from - Gino Kenny



Caroline

Apologies – I should be clearer. Can we seek the current Garda position on CBD products?

Kind regards

Orla

Orla Mullen

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From: Parliamentary Questions
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To: Tr-CrimCE ; Adam D. Murray
Subject: RE: PQ 11995/20, for answer 23/06/2020, Written from - Gino Kenny

Adam ,

Can we seek a disallowance on this PQ , as it verges on hypothetical?

Regards

Caroline

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Dear Commissioner, Please see PQ11995/20 for answer on 23/06/2020. Could you please provide obs to Tr-CrimCE@justice.ie by midday Friday 19/06/2020 so that a suitable reply may issue. Many thanks. Adam Murray Transparency, Criminal Justice Contents and Events

To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if persons that buy poppy seed or products containing poppy seed from retailers should be concerned that their homes could be raided by the drugs squad in view of the fact that the seeds can contain traces of opiates (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details Supplied: *There have been recent raids on the homes of several people who have bought CBD products because it is believed that they contain minute/trace amounts of THC*

- Gino Kenny.

* For Written answer on 23/06/2020

Ref No: 11995/20

Reply

Minister for Justice and Equality (Charlie Flanagan):

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
From: Adam D. Murray
Sent: Tuesday 16 June 2020 13:33
To: Emma C Doherty
Subject: RE: PQ 11995/20, for answer 23/06/2020, Written from - Gino Kenny

Quick Look

Ah sure look, thanks for asking though

Adam Murray

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Cc: Adam D. Murray
Subject: RE: PQ 11995/20, for answer 23/06/2020, Written from - Gino Kenny

Hi Adam,

D/Health will not accept transfer:

"We cannot take this transfer, this is a matter for Justice and AGS."

Emma

Emma Doherty

PQ Co-ordinator | Transparency Co-ordination

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Subject: PQ 11995/20, for answer 23/06/2020, Written from - Gino Kenny

Emma, James, I would appreciate if you could ask D/Health if they would accept this question on transfer as it relates to control of opiates. Regards, Adam

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* For Written answer on 23/06/2020

Ref No: 11995/20

Reply

Minister for Justice and Equality (Charlie Flanagan):

From: ePQ (Justice) <justice-epq-noreply@cloud.gov.ie>
Sent: Friday 19 June 2020 10:39
To: Emma C Doherty; James P. Kelly
Cc: Adam D. Murray
Subject: PQ 11995/20, for answer 23/06/2020, Written from - Gino Kenny

Quick Look

Emma, James, I would appreciate if PQ 11995/20 would be requested for disallowance on the basis of no responsibility. The Minister has no responsibility for the regulation of substances under the Misuse of Drugs Act according to their medical usage or risk to the public, which is the responsibility of the Minister for Health. Thanks , Adam

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Reply

Minister for Justice and Equality (Charlie Flanagan):

Grainne X. Jones

From: ePQ (Justice) <justice-epq-noreply@cloud.gov.ie>
Sent: Monday 22 June 2020 10:20
Subject: PQ Disallowed: 11995/20, for answer 23/06/2020, Written from - Gino Kenny

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