

SELECT COMMITTEE INTO CANNABIS AND HEMP

Interim Report — Tabling

HON DR BRIAN WALKER (East Metropolitan) [10.09 am]: I am directed to present an interim report of the Select Committee into Cannabis and Hemp, *Inquiry into cannabis and hemp—extension of time*.

[See paper [1499](#).]

Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER: On 21 June 2022, the committee resolved to seek an extension of the date by which the committee is to report, from 12 October 2022 to 31 March 2023. The committee has accepted 76 written submissions. The committee has held 22 hearings with a range of parties, including members of the public, medical practitioners, peak bodies, hemp growers, medicinal producers and government departments. The committee will be conducting further hearings next week. The committee also conducted site visits to a number of medicinal cannabis and hemp growers and producers in the south west of the state.

The committee has gathered a large volume of evidence in the inquiry and requires an extension of time to properly consider the evidence, conduct further research and obtain further evidence from stakeholders. An extension of time will enable the committee to properly discharge its reporting obligation and provide a more comprehensive report to the Legislative Council.

Extension of Reporting Time — Motion

HON DR BRIAN WALKER (East Metropolitan) [10.11 am] — without notice: I move —

That the reporting date for the Select Committee into Cannabis and Hemp inquiry into cannabis and hemp be extended from 12 October 2022 to 31 March 2023.

[Leave granted for the member's speech to be continued at a later stage of the sitting.]

Debate thus adjourned.

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