

CANNABIS — RESEARCH

Statement

HON DR BRIAN WALKER (East Metropolitan) [9.21 pm]: My contribution is shorter, and I hope lighter as well. I seek a moment of the house's time. Yesterday marked the beginning of Medical Cannabis Awareness Week. It would be remiss of me not to bring that to members' attention. In a preamble to one of the questions I asked last week, more research was published that impacted the potential of cannabis in the last 12 months than in any previous year. There were 4 370 peer-reviewed papers across a vast range of topics, many of them medical in nature, including anxiety, dementia, epilepsy, vaping and, yes, much of it shocking as well, including the reference last week to the element of sex. There are clearly some things normal people would rather be doing at this hour. Listening to me is not one of them, so I will keep it very short.

We are busy people, and ministers doubly so. Rather than expecting me to do the work that I could do, I have here those 4 370 peer-reviewed references. For the benefit of members, the hyperlinks will be included, taking them straight to any one of the papers in question. I hope they will enlighten people. I hope they will give them some fun. It will certainly ease my work. President, I seek leave to table the paper.

[Leave granted. See paper [2037](#).]

House adjourned at 9.22 pm
