

**40TH PARLIAMENT**



## **Interim Report**

# **SELECT COMMITTEE INTO ALTERNATE APPROACHES TO REDUCING ILLICIT DRUG USE AND ITS EFFECTS ON THE COMMUNITY**

*Inquiry into alternate approaches to reducing illicit drug use and its effects on the community - Extension of time*

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Presented by  
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August 2019

## **Select Committee into alternate approaches to reducing illicit drug use and its effects on the community**

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Hon Aaron Stonehouse MLC

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# Select Committee into alternate approaches to reducing illicit drug use and its effects on the community

## Interim Report – Extension of time

On 17 October 2018, the Legislative Council established the Select Committee into alternate approaches to reducing illicit drug use and its effects on the community (Committee) to inquire into and report on:

- (a) other Australian state jurisdictions and international approaches (including Portugal) to reducing harm from illicit drug use, including the relative weighting given to enforcement, health and social interventions;
- (b) a comparison of effectiveness and cost to the community of drug related laws between Western Australia and other jurisdictions;
- (c) the applicability of alternate approaches to minimising harms from illicit drug use from other jurisdictions to the Western Australian context; and
- (d) consider any other relevant matter.

The reporting date is 17 October 2019, being the last sitting day that is no later than 12 months after the Committee was established.

On 19 August 2019 the Committee resolved to seek an extension of time in which to report to the Legislative Council. The Committee has received 77 submissions, held 23 hearings and conducted 22 site visits and external meetings. The Committee is currently awaiting further written evidence.

An extension of time will enable the Committee to assess and deliberate on the significant amount of material received, so as to properly discharge its reporting obligations to the Legislative Council. The Committee therefore requests an extension of time in which to report from 17 October 2019 to 5 December 2019.



Hon Alison Xamon MLC  
**Chair**



## **Select Committee into alternate approaches to reducing illicit drug use and its effects on the community**

### **Date first appointed:**

17 October 2018

### **Terms of Reference:**

- (1) A Select Committee examining alternate approaches to reducing illicit drug use and its effects on the community is established.
- (2) The Select Committee is to inquire into and report on —
  - (a) other Australian state jurisdictions and international approaches (including Portugal) to reducing harm from illicit drug use, including the relative weighting given to enforcement, health and social interventions;
  - (b) a comparison of effectiveness and cost to the community of drug related laws between Western Australia and other jurisdictions;
  - (c) the applicability of alternate approaches to minimising harms from illicit drug use from other jurisdictions to the Western Australian context; and
  - (d) consider any other relevant matter.
- (3) The Select Committee is to report no later than twelve months after the motion is agreed to.
- (4) The Select Committee shall consist of five members; Hon Alison Xamon (Chair); Hon Samantha Rowe (Deputy Chair); Hon Colin de Grussa; Hon Michael Mischin; and Hon Aaron Stonehouse.



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