

MEDICAL CANNABIS — UNITED IN COMPASSION CONFERENCE

Statement

HON SOPHIA MOERMOND (South West) [5.49 pm]: I had the honour last weekend to go to the United in Compassion conference in Brisbane, which is a conference entirely about medicinal cannabis. There were experts from all around the world there. I learnt a lot and it was quite amazing. One of the main insights I received, which I really quite like, I will discuss here tonight.

When a person with a medical cannabis prescription is swabbed at a random roadside drug test, they are in fact not caught with the presence of an illicit substance in their bloodstream or saliva. If they were driving normally and taking their medication as prescribed by their healthcare professional, they are unlikely to be impaired as well. Since many classes of medication may affect cognition, yet people take them daily as prescribed without issues, the same right should be applicable to those on medicinal cannabis.