

HEMP — CLOTHING

Statement

HON SOPHIA MOERMOND (South West) [5.55 pm]: Tonight I would like to talk about clothes, particularly the new jacket that I am wearing. It was made for me in India, and it will likely last longer than any other item of clothing that I own. It is made of hemp. It is thick and quite heavy and what is most exciting about it is that it has pockets. I have two pockets on the outside and two inside pockets. Most women will be aware how hard it is to find jackets that have pockets that are functional and not just decorative. Basically, this jacket should last me for the rest of my life.

In Australia, 6 000 items of clothing end up in landfill every 10 minutes. Hemp as an industry in WA could make a huge contribution to both the environment and the economy. The legalisation of cannabis would make the growing of hemp much more viable. There would be much less paperwork and many reduced conditions for farmers to comply with. The removal of barriers, particularly around the various terpenes found in hemp and cannabidiol, as well as less strict laws for THC content, would make this much more attractive. For me, this jacket signifies the move from fast fashion to slow fashion, whereby clothes last for many years and are produced with less water and fewer chemicals, thus reducing their environmental and economic impact. Plus, we have pockets!

I wish everyone a lovely Easter break.

House adjourned at 5.57 pm
