

iHEMPWA AWARDS GALA DINNER AND iHEMP EXPO

Statement

HON SOPHIA MOERMOND (South West) [5.30 pm]: Last weekend, the inaugural iHempWA awards gala dinner and the iHemp expo were held. Hon Lorna Harper spoke to us and Hon Dr Brian Walker came along too, which was great. We had an amazing dinner with hemp-fed beef and hemp seed oil salad dressing, and things like that. There were no jokes about anyone becoming high on that, so that was really good. That is a positive change in attitude towards hemp. Some of the awards were made with hemp pulp and I believe they were the first awards globally to have been made with hemp, so we thought that was quite a good first. On the Sunday, an expo was held. Once again, we really noticed a change in attitude from people about sustainability, understanding that hemp is not the thing that makes people high, so that was good, and people were impressed with the array of products—skin care, building products, clothing, bags and all sorts of items like that. We will be doing all of these events again next year. I know it is early, but if members would like to join us then, that would be great!