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## Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee

### Inquiry to probe workplace drug testing

The Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee will hold an inquiry into workplace drug testing in Victoria with a particular focus on medicinal cannabis. Medicinal cannabis has been legal in Victoria since 2016. However, some workplaces still make a distinction between medicinal cannabis and other prescription drugs. “It’s important that Victorians aren’t discriminated against because of their choice of legal pain relief,” said Committee Chair Trung Luu.

“But we want to balance this with the need to ensure workplaces remain safe and occupational health and safety standards are maintained.”

The inquiry will examine the legislative and regulatory framework for workplace drug testing; possible improvements to the framework; the treatment of prescription medicinal cannabis as compared to other prescription medications; and whether current workplace drug testing laws are discriminatory in nature.

The terms of reference are available on the Committee’s website.

Submissions to the inquiry are due by December 8, 2023.

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