

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Supplementary Order Paper

Thursday, 16 August 1990

CONTRACEPTION, STERILISATION, AND ABORTION AMENDMENT BILL

Proposed Amendments

ELIZABETH TENNET, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 2A: To insert on page 2, after clause 2, the following clause:

2A. Interpretation—(1) Section 2 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to the definition of the term “approved counselling service” the words “; and includes a counselling service established by an area health board for the purposes of this Act”.

(2) Section 2 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the definition of the term “contraceptive”, the following definition:

“‘Counselling’, in relation to any woman considering an abortion, means counselling that—

“(a) Enables the woman to clarify her situation and her feelings about her situation; and

“(b) Explores with the woman the reality of her situation; and

“(c) Gives the woman emotional and psychological support; and

“(d) Does not impose on the woman the counsellor’s personal values.”

Proposed clause 4A: To insert on page 6, after clause 4, the following clause:

4A. Counselling—The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing section 35, and substituting the following section:

“35. Every registered medical practitioner who is consulted by a woman who is considering having an abortion shall advise her of the approved counselling services that are available.”

Proposed clause 6: To add on page 6 the following clause:

6. Provision of counselling services—The Area Health Boards Act 1983 is hereby amended by inserting, after section 45, the following section:

“45A. Every area health board shall ensure that a counselling service for the purposes of the Contraception, Sterilisation, and Abortion Act 1977 is provided in its district.”