

House of Representatives

# Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 10 September 2019

## End of Life Choice Bill

### *Proposed amendment to SOP No 259*

Simon O'Connor, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

#### *Clause 20*

In *clause 20(1)*, after *paragraph (a)* (page 18), insert:

- (aa) a person who is legally qualified by virtue of having held a practising certificate as a barrister or as a barrister and solicitor for at least 7 years; and

### **Explanatory note**

This Supplementary Order Paper amends Supplementary Order Paper No 259 amending the End of Life Choice Bill by adding a particular membership qualification requirement in relation to the Review Committee.

It is important that the Review Committee include at least 1 person with some knowledge of the operation of the law, so that legal issues arising in the performance of the Review Committee's functions can be the subject of well-informed internal advice.

Examples of legal issues that might arise for the Review Committee include the consideration of assisted death reports under *clause 20(2)(a)*, or statutory interpretation as needed in relation to the question of compliance under *clause 20(2)(b) and (c)*.