

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Wednesday, 21 August 2019

End of Life Choice Bill

Proposed amendment

Paulo Garcia, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

Clause 8

In *clause 8(2)*, replace *paragraph (c)* (page 6, lines 14 and 15) with:

- (c) ensure that the person understands their other options for end-of-life care, including the following in particular as valid legal alternatives to assisted dying under this Act:
 - (i) palliative care:
 - (ii) receiving pain relief that may have the incidental effect of shortening life:
 - (iii) the person’s right to refuse medical treatment to sustain or prolong their life; and

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends *clause 8* of the End of Life Choice Bill to ensure that a person who is contemplating euthanasia or assisted suicide is informed of various other options available to them under the law (namely those existing prior to, and separate from, the Bill). The amended *clause 8(2)(c)* will detail some of those options that are commonly misunderstood to be included within the meaning of “assisted dying”, namely:

- palliative care
- receiving pain relief that may have the incidental effect of shortening life
- a person’s right to refuse medical treatment to sustain or prolong their life.
