

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 10 September 2019

End of Life Choice Bill

Proposed amendment to SOP No 259

Agnes Loheni, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

Clause 21

In *clause 21(1)*, after “The Director-General must nominate an employee of the Ministry as the Registrar (assisted dying)” (page 19), insert “, who can have no other duties as an employee (or other agent) of the Ministry, including, in particular, in relation to assisted dying”.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends Supplementary Order Paper No 259 amending the End of Life Choice Bill by clarifying that the person holding the position as the Registrar is not to have any other duties.

The reasons for this proposal include that:

- the position of Registrar is sufficiently important that it should not be a less-than-fulltime role; and
- the possibility of conflicts of interest—as between different professional roles held by the same person—should be reduced as far as reasonably possible