

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Supplementary Order Paper

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CONTRACEPTION, STERILISATION, AND ABORTION AMENDMENT BILL

Proposed Amendment

HON. G. F. GAIR, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

Proposed Clause 2A: To insert on p. 2 after clause 2, the following clause:

2A. **Certifying consultants**—Section 30 of the principal Act is hereby amended:

- (a) By adding to subsection (4) (a) before the words “At least” the words “To the extent that it is practicable”;
- (b) By repealing subsections (5) and (6) and substituting the following subsections:

“(5) For the purposes of this Act and subject to the provisions of this section, any registered medical practitioner shall be entitled, at his own request, to be appointed to the list of certifying consultants.

“(6) Every appointment to the list of certifying consultants shall continue according to its tenor until revoked or until the certifying consultant resigns by writing addressed to the Supervisory Committee.”.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Paragraph (a) of the proposed new clause 2A removes the current strict obligation on the Supervisory Committee and replaces it with a provision enabling it to make the requisite appointments based on the actual number of specialists available.

Paragraph (b) abolishes, in the proposed subclause (5), the “incompatibility of views” provision and substitutes one consistent with the second alternative proposed by the Royal Commission.

The proposed subclause (6) is consequential on the proposed change embodied in subclause (5).

The existing subsection (7) remains intact.
