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 19

In clause 19, after subclause (1A) (page 17), insert:

- (1B) The following persons are ineligible for appointment to the SCENZ Group:
 - (a) the current or any former Health and Disability Commissioner:
 - (b) the current or any former Registrar (assisted dying):
 - (c) any current or former member of the Review Committee.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends Supplementary Order Paper No 259 amending the End of Life Choice Bill. It would ensure that people who have already held (or still hold) certain key roles are not also members of this body.

It would be inappropriate for any given person to hold multiple roles in this field, given the importance of the various roles.

The more important the roles, the greater the potential for significant conflicts of interest in relation to the review of policy and practice of euthanasia and assisted suicide under the proposed legislation.

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