

House of Representatives

# Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 24 September 2019

## End of Life Choice Bill

*Proposed amendment to SOP No 259*

Kanwaljit Singh Bakshi, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

### *Schedule*

In the *Schedule, Part I*, delete the item relating to section 179 of the Crimes Act 1961 (page 27).

### Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends Supplementary Order Paper No 259 amending the End of Life Choice Bill. It would remove the proposal that “aiding and abetting suicide” (as detailed in section 179 of the Crimes Act 1961) should be subject to the End of Life Choice legislation.

The argument has been that the assisted dying regime is entirely distinct in nature from suicide, as that term is currently understood in New Zealand, so there can be no justification for removing the current protection in the Crimes Act 1961 against the aiding and abetting of suicide.