

# House of Representatives

# Supplementary Order Paper

Wednesday, 11 September 2019

## End of Life Choice Bill

### *Proposed amendment to SOP No 259*

Anahila Kanongata'a-Suisuiki, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

#### *Clause 21*

Replace *clause 21(3)* (page 19) with:

- (3) The Registrar must—
  - (a) consult the Privacy Commissioner—
    - (i) before establishing the register; and
    - (ii) at regular intervals, no less frequently than once in each 12-month period, while maintaining the register; and
  - (b) act upon any recommendations relating to privacy made by the Privacy Commissioner.

### **Explanatory note**

This Supplementary Order Paper amends Supplementary Order Paper No 259 amending the End of Life Choice Bill by providing some guidance about the consultation required by the Registrar of the Privacy Commissioner.

The information held on the register will be crucially important to the lives—and deaths—of many New Zealanders and the privacy implications can hardly be understated.

Matters of policy and practice in relation to protecting privacy should be reviewed frequently. It is not enough to require simply that consultation take place at “regular intervals”, as regularity is not the same as frequency. For example, a consultation

exercise once every 10 years is regular but it is not nearly frequent enough for the purposes of *clause 21(3)*.

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