

# House of Representatives

# Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 10 March 2020

## Abortion Legislation Bill

### *Proposed amendments*

Hon Ruth Dyson, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

#### *Clause 7*

In *clause 7, new section 19(2)(b)*, replace “who is a provider” (page 9, line 13) with “who is the closest provider”.

In *clause 7, new section 19*, after *subsection (2)* (page 9, after line 14), insert:

- (2A) In **subsection (2)(b)**, the **closest provider** is to be determined taking into account—
- (a) the physical distance between the providers; and
  - (b) the date and time that B makes the request under **subsection (1)**; and
  - (c) the operating hours of the provider of the service requested.

In *clause 7*, after *new section 20* (page 10, after line 25), insert:

#### **20AAA Availability of emergency contraception**

- (1) All DHBs (as defined by section 6(1) of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000) must ensure that their resident population is able to access emergency contraception within 48 hours of it being requested.
- (2) In this section, **emergency contraception** means a contraceptive precaution to avoid the risk of pregnancy to be taken after a sexual connection has occurred.

### Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper (SOP) amends *clause 7* of the Abortion Legislation Bill.

The Bill provides for a person to have a conscientious objection to providing contraception, sterilisation, and abortion services, which means someone asking for any of these services can be denied access on the basis of the provider's objection. The provider does have to give the person seeking the service the contact details of a provider of the service (i.e. someone who doesn't have a conscientious objection.)

This SOP would specify that the person with the conscientious objection must provide to the woman seeking the service the contact details of the closest provider of the service.

It would also require all DHBs to provide access to emergency contraception within 48 hours of this being requested.