

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 30 July 2019

End of Life Choice Bill

Proposed amendment

Simeon Brown, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

Clause 4

In *clause 4*, replace “terminal illness” (page 4, line 23) with “life-limiting condition in the terminal stage”.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper ensures that the language which is used in this Bill regarding the eligibility of people who are requesting assisted dying is consistent with the language used in the palliative care sector. Nascent terminal illnesses may be identified years, even decades, prior to depriving the individual in question of wellbeing or causing them to die. While these conditions or diseases progressively undermine the wellbeing of the individual, simply listing ‘terminal illness’ places this clause at odds with other criteria of this legislation. ‘Life-limiting condition in the terminal stage’ ensures consistency with *clause (4)(c)(i)*.