

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Thursday, 8 August 2003

Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Bill

Proposed amendments

Sue Kedgley, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 44

To insert after clause 44(2) (after line 19 on page 47, the following new subclause:

- (2A) A health practitioner is not required to act under **subsection (2)** where the health practitioner acquires the relevant information in the course of acting in his or her capacity as a union representative.

Clause 116

To omit clause 116(3) (from lines 8 to 13 on page 100), and substitute the following subsection:

- (3) Upon the receipt of a request from an authority to do so, the Minister must make regulations enabling and ensuring that at least half of all health practitioners appointed under **subsection (1)** as members of that authority are elected from among the health practitioners registered with that authority (in this section referred to as **elected practitioners**).

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Bill. It replaces the amendment to clause 116 set out on SOP No 100, and an earlier typescript amendment to clause 44.

The amendment to clause 44 is to exempt health practitioners who are performing worker representation roles from the compulsion to inform the authority of

the fitness or otherwise of the health practitioner workers for whom they are acting or representing.

The amendment to clause 116 means that if an authority makes a request of the Minister to do so, he or she must make regulations so as to allow at least half of the health practitioners on the authority to be elected from amongst its members.
