

House of Representatives
Supplementary Order Paper

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Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Bill

Proposed amendments

Pita Paraone, in committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 3(2)

To omit paragraph (b) (lines 10 to 12 on page 9), and substitute the following paragraph.

- (b) for the determination of broad scopes of practice within which each practitioner is competent to practise; and

Clause 5(1)

To omit paragraph (b) of the definition of **scope of practice** (lines 31 to 35 on page 14).

Clause 12

To omit this clause (lines 15 to 23 on page 21).

Clause 16(2)(b)

To omit subparagraph (i) (lines 4 to 8 on page 25), and substitute the following subparagraph:

- (i) an indication of the scope of practice as specified by the authority under **section 10(1)** within which the applicant proposes to practise; and

Clause 114

To add, as subclause (2), the following subclause:

- (2) The functions of authorities under **subsection (1)** do not include or override codes of ethics developed by health professions.

Clause 116(2A)

To omit the words "Before the Minister appoints a member for an authority, the Minister must" (lines 27 and 28 on page 99), and substitute the words

“Before the Minister appoints a layperson member to an authority, the Minister must”.

Clause 116

To insert, after subclause (2A), the following subclauses:

- (2B) Before the Minister appoints a health practitioner member to an authority the Minister must—
 - (a) invite nominations from the recognised professional associations in that profession for members of that authority:
 - (b) state an address or addresses to which nominations may be sent by a stated date:
 - (c) consider the nominations received by the stated date in response to the notice:
 - (2C) If the Minister is not satisfied that he or she can make all appointments within the nominations received from the professional organisations under **subsection (2B)(a)**, the Minister must seek further nominations from the recognised professional associations until suitable appointments are able to be made.
 - (2C) The Minister must make any appointments of health practitioner members to an authority from nominations received under **subsections (2B) and (2C)**.
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