

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

ABORTION LAW REFORM BILL 2008

(Amendment and New Clauses to be proposed in Committee by Mr GUY)

1. Insert the following Heading to follow Clause 8—

"PART 3—ABORTION REPORTING, COMPLICATIONS AND REVIEW".

NEW CLAUSES

2. Insert the following New Clauses to follow the Heading inserted by Amendment No. 1.

"A Quarterly reports from registered medical practitioners

- (1) A registered medical practitioner who performs abortions in Victoria must, not later than 3 months after the end of each calendar quarter, submit to the Department of Human Services a report setting out the following details—
 - (a) the number of abortions performed by the medical practitioner during the quarter of the year to which the report relates;
 - (b) the period of gestation of the pregnancy of each woman concerned;
 - (c) the time elapsed between the first consultation by each woman with the medical practitioner and the performance of the abortion.
- (2) The Minister for Health must publish a report after the end of each calendar quarter containing a statistical analysis of the information received by the Department of Human Services under subsection (1) for that quarter.

B Medical complications from abortions

- (1) This section applies to a registered medical practitioner who performs abortions in Victoria or a public hospital or private hospital in Victoria at which abortions are performed.
- (2) The registered medical practitioner or the proprietor of the public hospital or a private hospital must, not later than 3 months after the end of each calendar quarter, submit to the Department of Human Services a report setting out the number of medical complications to women that have arisen during an abortion or within 48 hours after an abortion during that quarter.
- (3) The Minister for Health must publish a report after the end of each calendar quarter containing a statistical analysis of the information received by the Department of Human Services under subsection (2) for that quarter.

C Review of abortion law in Victoria

- (1) The Minister for Health must cause a review of the operation of abortion law in Victoria to be completed at the end of each period of 12 months after the commencement of this Act.
- (2) A review for a 12 month period must result in the preparation of a report containing statistical data on—
 - (a) the number of abortions performed during that 12-month period; and
 - (b) the period of gestation of each pregnancy which resulted in an abortion; and
 - (c) the time elapsed between the first consultation by each woman with a registered medical practitioner and the performance of the abortion.
- (3) The report under subsection (2) must be included in the report of operations of the Department of Human Services under the **Financial Management Act 1994** for the relevant period."