

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING BILL 2022

(Amendments and New Clauses to be proposed in Committee by Ms PATTEN)

1. Clause 3, page 18, after line 2 insert—

"Mental Health Workforce Safety and Wellbeing Committee means the Mental Health Workforce Safety and Wellbeing Committee established by the Health Secretary under section 327A;"

2. Page 264, after line 24 insert the following heading—

"Part 6.5A—Mental Health Workforce Safety and Wellbeing Committee".

NEW CLAUSES

3. Insert the following New Clauses to follow clause 327 and the heading proposed by amendment number 2—

"327A Mental Health Workforce Safety and Wellbeing Committee

- (1) The Health Secretary must establish a Mental Health Workforce Safety and Wellbeing Committee in accordance with the regulations.
- (2) The Mental Health Workforce Safety and Wellbeing Committee consists of members appointed by the Health Secretary.
- (3) The Health Secretary may appoint 2 of the members of the Mental Health Workforce Safety and Wellbeing Committee to jointly chair the Committee.
- (4) Members of the Mental Health Workforce Safety and Wellbeing Committee must have experience, skills or knowledge that is relevant to the objectives of the Mental Health Workforce Safety and Wellbeing Committee.
- (5) The regulations may make provision for or with respect to—
 - (a) the appointment of the Mental Health Workforce Safety and Wellbeing Committee, including the number of members; and
 - (b) the powers and procedures of the Mental Health Workforce Safety and Wellbeing Committee.

327B Objectives of the Mental Health Workforce Safety and Wellbeing Committee

- (1) The objectives of the Mental Health Workforce Safety and Wellbeing Committee are to provide advice to the Health Secretary and the Chief Officer in relation to—
 - (a) the prevention of risks to health, safety and wellbeing in the mental health and wellbeing workforce; and

- (b) approaches to monitoring and responding to risks to health, safety and wellbeing in the mental health and wellbeing workforce.
- (2) The Mental Health Workforce Safety and Wellbeing Committee may appoint a sub-committee to assist the Mental Health Workforce Safety and Wellbeing Committee to achieve its objectives under subsection (1)."