

VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING — ANNUAL REPORT —
MEDICAL PRACTITIONER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1154. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to page 11 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia Annual Report 2021–22* that states medical and nurse practitioners participating in the voluntary assisted dying process must meet eligibility criteria as defined in the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019*, including registration type, practice duration and completion of the Western Australian Voluntary Assisted Dying Approved Training (WA VAD Approved Training); and I ask:

- (a) of the 70 medical practitioners who completed the WA VAD Approved Training to enable them to act as a participating practitioner as a Coordinating, Consulting or Administering Practitioner in the 2021–22 reporting period (p11), how many of these medical practitioners were registered as nurse practitioners;
- (b) of the 50 medical practitioners (71.4% of participating practitioners) who acted as a Coordinating, Consulting or Administering Practitioner in the 2021–22 reporting period (p11), how many of these medical practitioners were registered as nurse practitioners; and
- (c) of the 35 medical practitioners who completed First Assessments as a Coordinating Practitioner in the 2021–22 reporting period (p11), how many of these medical practitioners were registered as nurse practitioners?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

Nurse practitioners and medical practitioners are different types of practitioners and have completely unique registration requirements. No medical practitioners were registered as nurse practitioners.

- (a) Nil.
- (b) Nil.
- (c) Nil. A nurse practitioner cannot fulfil the role of Coordinating Practitioner.