

ABORTION

1872. Hon Nick Goiran to the parliamentary secretary to the Minister for Health:

I refer to section 335 of the *Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911*, which states that a medical practitioner who performs an abortion must notify the Chief Health Officer of the fact in the prescribed form within 14 days of the abortion being performed, and that such notification must not contain any particulars from which it may be possible to ascertain the identity of the patient, I ask:

- (a) how many forms were received covering the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023;
- (b) further to (a), will the Minister table the forms for the abortions performed at 20 weeks or later; and
- (c) if no to (b), will the Minister undertake to comply with section 82 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*?

Hon Pierre Yang replied:

- (a) 9,396 forms were received for this period.
- (b) No.
- (c) Not applicable. The information requested in (b) does not fall within the remit of section 82 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*.