

ABORTION — TRISOMY 21

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

How many abortions were performed at 20 weeks gestation, or later, with the justification for the abortion given as “Trisomy 21” between 20 May 1998 and 31 December 2021?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

Before 22 October 2001, the abortion notification form used did not require the reason for the abortion.

For the period 22 October 2001 to 31 December 2017 there were 43 abortions as previously reported.

For the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2021 there were less than 5 abortions performed at 20 weeks gestation, or later, where the reason included Trisomy 21 with other significant conditions.