

VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING — ANNUAL REPORT — REGIONAL REQUESTS

1160. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to page 30 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia Annual Report 2021–22* that states ‘[i]n 2021–22, there were a total of 108 requests that met the defined Regional Access Support Scheme criteria in support of 50 patients. Almost all requests (n=104, 96%) were made for travel of a practitioner to a patient for face-to-face care’; and I ask, were there any cases reported to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Board in the 2021–22 reporting period where a patient in regional Western Australia sought access to voluntary assisted dying but was unable to progress with their request and assessment process because face-to-face care was not able to be provided?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

No.