

END-OF-LIFE CHOICES LEGISLATION — PUBLIC CONSULTATION

242. Hon RICK MAZZA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the government's media statement dated 19 March 2019 entitled "Western Australians urged to comment on voluntary assisted dying", which announced that public consultation is now open and forums will be held at both Perth metropolitan and regional locations.

- (1) Noting that the three proposed Perth metropolitan and four regional public consultation sessions are being held during working hours, what provisions have been put in place for working people to attend these sessions?
- (2) If there is no consideration to hold these consultation sessions after normal working hours, why is this the case?

Hon ALANNA CLOHESY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Members of the public are being given as much notice as possible to enable them to attend these sessions with members of the Ministerial Expert Panel on Voluntary Assisted Dying. Public consultation sessions are also being advertised via statewide and local media to ensure that Western Australians can have their say on the development of laws to enable voluntary assisted dying.
- (2) If it is not possible to attend in person, Western Australians can contribute to the consultation by reading the discussion paper and providing written submissions online or by letter to the ministerial expert panel. There is also a website available; the address is www.health.wa.gov.au/voluntaryassisteddying.