

PALLIATIVE CARE

Notice of Motion

Hon Jim Chown gave notice that at the next sitting of the house he would move —

That this house —

- (a) notes that access to inpatient specialist palliative care is limited and that this state has the lowest number of publicly funded inpatient palliative care beds per head of population;
- (b) acknowledges that access to hands-on inpatient and community-based specialist palliative care is limited for metropolitan and non-metropolitan patients;
- (c) considers that access to specialist palliative care in the early stages of a diagnosis might improve remaining quality of life, mood, resilience and symptom management, and allow for death in the patient's preferred location;
- (d) observes that more can be done to promote understanding of palliative care in the community to ensure that all patients who could benefit from palliative care are receiving it, and that community palliative care is easily accessible for all patients at end of life who wish to die at home; and
- (e) calls on the government to ensure that palliative care is funded to meet demand.