

VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING — ANNUAL REPORT — FIRST ASSESSMENTS

1156. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to page 20 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia Annual Report 2021–22* that states that ‘[i]n 2021–22, the most common reasons [for accessing voluntary assisted dying] given by patients assessed as eligible during the first assessment were being less able to engage in activities making life enjoyable, or concern about it (71.1%); losing autonomy, or concern about it (66.3%) and loss of dignity, or concern about it (57.2%); I ask, how many patients, as a percentage, nominated physical pain symptoms as a reason for accessing voluntary assisted dying during the First Assessment?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

39.9% of patients assessed as eligible during the First Assessment nominated ‘inadequate pain control, or concern about it’ as the reason for requesting voluntary assisted dying.