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Abortion Law Reform Amendment (Health Care Access) Bill 2025

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Proposed amendments

No. 1 Directions about provision of abortion services

Page 3, Schedule 1[2], proposed section 4A. Insert after line 19—

- (3A) A direction under subsection (2) must not require an affiliated health organisation to provide abortion services if the provision of abortion services—
 - (a) is contrary to the institutional ethos and values of the organisation, or
 - (b) is beyond the clinical capability of the organisation, having regard to the organisation's services, resources and clinical operations.

No. 2 Abortion services within a reasonable distance of residents' homes

Page 3, Schedule 1[2], proposed section 4A(4). Insert after line 22—

reasonable distance, of residents' homes, means a distance that is reasonable in the circumstances, having regard to existing public health organisation capacity, population density and patients' needs.

No. 3 Annual report

Page 4, Schedule 1. Insert after line 15—

[11A] Section 15A

Insert after section 15—

15A Annual report to Parliament

The Secretary of the Ministry of Health must, on or before 30 September in each year—

- (a) prepare a report setting out the following in relation to the previous year ending on 30 June—
 - (i) a description of abortion service availability by region,
 - (ii) detailed information about access to, and waiting times for, abortion services,
 - (iii) information about the clinical performance of abortion service delivery, including how safely and effectively abortion services were delivered,

- (iv) information about any adverse events or clinical incidents reported in connection with terminations,
- (v) information about the performance of terminations in the State, by reference to region and district, and
- (b) provide a copy of the report to the Presiding Officer of each House of Parliament for tabling in each House.