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Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Proposed amendment

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No. 1 **Annual reporting about palliative care**

Page 75. Insert after line 40—

**184A Minister to report annually about palliative care spending**

- (1) The Health Secretary must, on or before 31 December in each year, give to the Minister a report setting out—
  - (a) the total amount spent on palliative care in New South Wales generally and in each local health district during the financial year ending on 30 June in that year, and
  - (b) the aggregated amounts spent on palliative care in New South Wales generally and in each local health district during the preceding 5 financial years, and
  - (c) the variation, expressed as both the amount of money spent and the percentage increase or decrease in the amount spent during the relevant periods, in the following—
    - (i) the total amount spent on palliative care in New South Wales generally and in each local health district during the year to which the report relates compared with the preceding financial year,
    - (ii) the aggregated amounts spent on palliative care in New South Wales generally and in each local health district during the 5 financial years preceding the year to which the report relates compared with the corresponding amount reported in the most recent previous report, and
  - (d) any other information prescribed by the regulations.
- (2) For subsection (1)(a), the amount is to be determined by reference to data provided by the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority established under the *National Health Reform Act 2011* of the Commonwealth.
- (3) If the variation referred to in subsection (1)(c) indicates a reduction in the amount spent on palliative care in New South Wales generally or in a local health district from the corresponding amount in the preceding year, the Health Secretary must, within 3 months of becoming aware of the variation—
  - (a) review the operation of this Act, and
  - (b) give the Minister a report about the review.

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- (4) The Minister must, within 6 sitting days after receiving a report under subsection (1) or (3), cause the report to be laid before each of House of Parliament.