

# House of Representatives

## Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 3 May 2016

### Coroners Amendment Bill

#### *Proposed amendments*

Hon Amy Adams, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

#### *Clause 14*

In the heading to *clause 14*, delete “**(When designated coroner has exclusive right to custody of body)**” (page 14, lines 17 and 18).

In *clause 14*, after *new section 19* (page 14, after line 31), insert:

#### **19A Police responsible for co-ordinating extraction of body**

- (1) This section applies to a body if—
  - (a) the responsible coroner has an exclusive right to custody of the body; and
  - (b) the body is in a location from which it can be extracted only with extraordinary effort or the use of special resources.
- (2) The New Zealand Police is responsible, on behalf of the coroner, for co-ordinating the extraction of the body from that location.

#### *Clause 38*

In *clause 38*, replace *new section 71(1)* (page 25, lines 29 and 30) with:

- (1) This section applies in respect of a death if—
  - (a) the death occurred in New Zealand or on or from an aircraft or a ship specified in **section 14(1)**; and
  - (b) the death was self-inflicted or there is reasonable cause to suspect that the death was self-inflicted.

### **Explanatory note**

This Supplementary Order Paper makes 2 amendments to the Coroners Amendment Bill, which in turn amends the Coroners Act 2006.

*Clause 14* is amended to insert a *new section 19A* in the Bill, which provides that, in certain cases where the body of a dead person has to be extracted from a location using extraordinary effort or special resources, the police are responsible for co-ordinating the extraction of the body. This reflects and formalises existing practice.

*Clause 38* is amended to clarify in *new section 71(1)* that the restrictions on reporting on suicides and suspected suicides apply only to deaths occurring in New Zealand or on or from a New Zealand aircraft or ship, or an aircraft or a ship of the New Zealand Armed Forces.

### **Departmental disclosure statement**

The Ministry of Justice considers that a departmental disclosure statement is not required to be prepared for this Supplementary Order Paper.