

# House of Representatives

# Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 13 October 2015

## Health (Protection) Amendment Bill

### *Proposed amendments*

Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

#### *Clause 4*

In *clause 4(4)*, after the new definition of **educational institution** (page 5, after line 22), insert:

**health practitioner** has the same meaning as in section 5(1) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003

In *clause 4(4)*, new definition of **medical examination**, replace “means” (page 5, line 25) with “, in **Part 3A**, means”.

In *clause 4(4)*, new definition of **public health risk**, replace “means” (page 5, line 34) with “, in **Part 3A** and sections 74 and 74AA, means”.

#### *Clause 5*

In *clause 5*, before *subclause (1AA)* (page 6, before line 24), insert:

(1AAA) In the heading to section 74, replace “**Medical practitioners**” with “**Health practitioners**”.

(1AAB) In section 74(1), (3), and (4), replace “medical practitioner” with “health practitioner”.

In *clause 5(1)*, new *section 74(3A)*, replace “medical practitioner” (page 6, line 27) with “health practitioner”.

In *clause 5(1)*, new *section 74(3B)*, replace “medical practitioner” (page 6, lines 30 and 31) with “health practitioner”.

In *clause 5(1)*, replace new *section 74(3C)* (page 6, line 34 to page 7, line 6) with:

(3C) In this section and section 74AA, **identifying information**, in relation to a person, means—

- (a) the person's name, address, and place of work or education;  
and
- (b) any other information required by regulations made under  
this Act.

### **Explanatory note**

This Supplementary Order Paper amends the Health (Protection) Amendment Bill.

This Supplementary Order Paper adds a definition of health practitioner to the list of new defined terms to be inserted into the Health Act and changes all references to medical practitioner in the Bill to refer to health practitioner. The effect of these amendments is to broaden the range of people who are required to report cases of notifiable disease to include all health practitioners, not just medical practitioners.

The Supplementary Order Paper amends the proposed new definitions of medical examination and public health risk to limit their application to the proposed *new Part 3A* and, for public health risk, sections 74 and 74AA of the Act.

The Supplementary Order Paper replaces the proposed *new section 74(3C)* to narrow the definition of identifying information so that it is limited to a person's name, address, and place of work or education and any other information required by regulations.

### **Departmental disclosure statement**

The Ministry of Health is required to prepare a disclosure statement to assist with the scrutiny of this Supplementary Order Paper. The disclosure statement provides access to information about any material policy changes to the Bill and identifies any new significant or unusual legislative features of the Bill as amended.

A copy of the statement can be found at <http://legislation.govt.nz/disclosure.aspx?type=sop&subtype=government&year=2015&no=127&>.