

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 17 September 2013

Animal Welfare Amendment Bill

Proposed amendment

Mojo Mathers, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

Clause 27

In *clause 27*, delete *new section 73(3)*, (lines 23 to 25 on page 13).

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends *clause 27* of the Bill. This amendment would remove *new section 73(3)* that would allow the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC) to take into account practicality and economic impact when carrying out their functions.

New section 73(3) has been added to the Bill with the rationale that it would increase the transparency of decision making of NAWAC. This Supplementary Order Paper removes this provision, as practicality and economic impact are already used too often to justify keeping animals in unethical and cruel conditions and this should not happen. This provision, as it stands, sends the wrong message about the factors that are important to consider in the development of any code or regulation and so should be removed.
