

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 5 April 2016

Te Pire mō Te Reo Māori Māori Language Bill

Proposed amendments

Louisa Wall, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 15

In *clause 15(1)(ba)*, after “skills,” (page 41, line 23), insert “gender, youth,”.

In *clause 15(2)*, after “skills,” (page 41, line 30), insert “gender, youth,”.

Replace *clause 15(3)(g)* (page 42, line 2) with:

- (g) central government operations:
- (h) gender equality:
- (i) rangatahi youth representation.

After *clause 15(3)* (page 42, after line 2), insert:

- (4) For the avoidance of doubt, appointments made under **subsections (1) and (2)** must take into account the desirability of promoting gender equality and rangatahi youth representation.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper proposes to amend *clause 15* of the Bill, which relates to matters relevant to appointment decisions of members to Te Mātāwai. The amendments proposed require consideration to be given to achieving gender equality in respect of appointments to Te Mātāwai, which reflects our international obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women but also reflects the provisions relating to representation of women on state sector boards under the Crown Entities Act 2004. Women have played a significant role in the Kohanga Reo movement and the revitalisation of Te Reo Māori and today women comprise a larger percentage of te reo speakers. It is important that provision

is made for representation from rangatahi on the governance board for a matter as significant as the sustainability of the Māori language. The amendments proposed require consideration of these matters and the need for representation of women and youth when the respective bodies, organisations, iwi, or the Minister are considering appointments to Te Mātāwai.