

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Wednesday, 16 November 2016

Children, Young Persons, and Their Families (Advocacy, Workforce, and Age Settings) Amendment Bill

Proposed amendments

Jacinda Ardern, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 4

In *clause 4(1), in section 2(1)*, definition of **young person**, *paragraph (b)*, replace “17 years” (page 2, line 16) with “18 years”.

Clause 6

In *clause 6(3)*, after *new section 7(2)(c)(iia)* (page 3, after line 31) insert:

- (iib) publish annually, after the first anniversary of the commencement date of this Act, how the views of children and young people have been given regard to, including the views received by the services referred to in **subsection (2)(bb)**, and the changes that have been made as a result of this:

Clause 7

Delete *clause 7* (page 4, line 4 to page 6, line 6).

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends the definition of **young person** in *clause 4, section 2(1)*, by raising the upper age in the definition to a person’s 18th birthday for youth justice and youth court so that 17 year olds are not sentenced as adults. Raising the age is recommended by the Children’s Commissioner, former Principal Youth Court Judge, Andrew Becroft. It also aligns the definition of a young person in the

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Children, Young Persons, and Their Families Act 1989 with regard to youth justice and youth court with the age of care and protection.

This Supplementary Order Paper also amends *clause 6, section 7(2)(c)*, to add transparency in ensuring the voices of children and young people are given the regard they deserve.

This Supplementary Order Paper also proposes deleting *clause 7* to remove *new sections 7A, 7B, 7BA, 7C, 7CA, 7D, and 7E*, which delegate statutory powers by the chief executive to persons who are not social workers.