

House of Representatives

Amendment Paper

Misuse of Drugs (Pseudoephedrine) Amendment Bill

Proposed amendments

Chlöe Swarbrick, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

New clauses 4AA and 4AB

Before *clause 4* (page 2, before line 3) insert:

4AA New section 35DJ inserted (Review and report on operation of Act)

After section 35DI, insert:

Review of Act

35DJ Review and report on operation of Act

- (1) The Minister must, not later than 1 January 2026,—
 - (a) commence a review on the operation of this Act; and
 - (b) prepare a report on that review.
- (2) The Minister must ensure that, during the review, the Ministry of Health and any other health professionals that the Minister thinks appropriate are consulted.
- (3) The review must focus on developing a framework for the misuse of drugs that is health-based.
- (4) The report on the review must include recommendations on—
 - (a) any changes to this Act that are necessary to improve the reduction of drug-related harm; and
 - (b) any changes to this Act that are necessary to recognise addiction as a health issue.
- (5) The Minister must present the report to the House of Representatives as soon as practicable after it has been completed.

4AB New section 40A inserted (Repeal of Act)

After section 40, insert:

40A Repeal of Act

This Act is repealed on the close of 1 January 2026.

Explanatory note

This Amendment Paper amends the Misuse of Drugs (Pseudoephedrine) Amendment Bill to add a commitment to overhaul the outdated Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 with an approach that is health-based and reduces drug-related harm, by commencing a review by 1 January 2026.