

# House of Representatives

# Amendment Paper

## Social Workers Registration Legislation Amendment Bill

### *Proposed amendment*

Hon Louise Upston, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

*Clause 4: new section 2(2)*

In *clause 4, new section 2(2)*, replace “28 February 2028” (page 1, line 11) with “28 February 2026”.

### **Explanatory note**

This Amendment Paper amends the Social Workers Registration Legislation Amendment Bill to change the proposed new commencement date for section 24 of the Social Workers Registration Legislation Act 2019 from 28 February 2028 to 28 February 2026. The effect of the amendment is to postpone by 2 years (instead of the 4 years initially proposed by the Bill) the repeal of section 13 of the Social Workers Registration Act 2003, which gives people without prescribed qualifications an alternative pathway to register as social workers.

### **Departmental disclosure statement**

The Ministry of Social Development is required to prepare a disclosure statement to assist with the scrutiny of this Amendment 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=ap&subtype=government&year=2024&no=12&>