

# House of Representatives

## Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 4 December 2007

### Electoral Finance Bill

#### *Proposed amendments*

Metiria Turei, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

#### *Part 3*

*New Subpart 1A:* to insert the following new Subpart after Subpart 1 (after line 38 on page 101).

#### Subpart 1A—Review of electoral matters

##### **126A Independent review panel**

- (1) Within 2 months of the entry into force of this Act, the Minister of Justice will establish terms of reference for, and appoint, an independent review panel.
- (2) The functions of the independent review panel are to—
  - (a) review the existing controls on the financing of election campaigns; and
  - (b) review levels of transparency and accountability of candidates, parties and other persons engaged in election activities; and
  - (c) establish a public participation process to consider the financing of elections and political parties in accordance with the requirements of **section 126B**.

##### **126B Citizen's Assembly**

- (1) The public participation process required by **section 126A(2)(c)** will be a Citizen's Assembly that—
  - (a) consists of at least two registered voters randomly selected from each of the Maori and General electorates; and
  - (b) undertakes public hearings; and

- (c) makes recommendations for change in accordance with terms of reference set by the Minister of Justice.
- (2) The Citizen's Assembly must report to the Minister of Justice with its recommendations within 12 months of the entry into force of this Act.

**126C Ministerial response**

The Minister must respond to the report of the Citizen's Assembly and present a copy of the response to the House of Representatives within 6 months of receiving the report.

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**Explanatory note**

This Supplementary Order Paper amends the Electoral Finance Bill to insert a new Subpart 1A in Part 3. Subpart 1A establishes an Independent Review Panel to—

- (a) review the existing controls on the financing of election campaigns; and
- (b) review levels of transparency and accountability of candidates, parties and other persons engaged in election activities; and
- (c) establish a public participation process to consider the financing of elections and political parties.

The public participation process consists of a Citizen's Assembly to give an independent and representative view on the financing of election campaigns and improving transparency and accountability of candidates, parties and other persons engaged in election activities.

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