

# House of Representatives

## Supplementary Order Paper

Wednesday, 6 December 2006

### Law Reform (Epidemic Preparedness) Bill

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#### *Proposed amendments*

Hon Pete Hodgson, in Committee, to move as follows:

#### *Clause 22*

To omit from proposed *new section 74B(3)(b)* “notifiable disease stated in the notice (or, if 2 or more notices are in force, to the notifiable” at lines 25 to 27 on page 36 and substitute “quarantinable disease stated in the notice (or, if 2 or more notices are in force, to the quarantinable”.

#### *Clause 23*

To omit proposed *new section 97(2)* (lines 19 to 27 on page 39) and substitute the following:

- “(2) This subsection applies to a person liable to quarantine if the Medical Officer of Health believes or suspects, on reasonable grounds,—
- “(a) that he or she is infected with a quarantinable disease;  
or
  - “(b) that, within the 14 days before he or she arrived in New Zealand, he or she has been exposed to a disease that (whether or not it was a quarantinable disease at the time of the believed or suspected exposure) is a quarantinable disease.

To insert “promptly” in proposed *new section 97A(3)* after “so” at line 14 on page 40.

To omit from proposed *new section 97D(1)* “liable to quarantine by virtue of **section 97(2)**” at lines 29 and 30 on page 41 and substitute “to whom **section 97(2)** applies”.

To omit *paragraphs (a) to (c)* of proposed *new section 97D(1)* (lines 32 to 36 on page 41) and substitute the following:

- “(a) require the person to be examined:

- “(b) require to be taken from the person any bodily sample the officer may reasonably require:
- “(c) require to be taken from the craft or any thing in or on it any reasonable sample the officer may require:

To omit proposed *new section 97E(1)* (lines 14 to 18 on page 42) and substitute the following:

- “(1) This subsection applies to a person if—
  - “(a) **section 97(2)** applies to him or her; or
  - “(b) he or she is liable to quarantine and has been quarantined under section 70(1)(f).

To omit from proposed *new section 97E(3)* “liable to quarantine by virtue of **section 97(2)**” at lines 25 and 26 on page 42 and substitute “to whom **subsection (1)** applies”.

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### Explanatory note

The amendments to proposed *new sections 97 and 97E* of the principal Act and the first amendment to proposed *new section 97D(1)* clarify the relationship between those provisions.

The amendment to proposed *new section 97A(3)* of the principal Act makes clear that a person required under that section to collect or supply information must do so promptly.

The second amendment to proposed *new section 97D(1)* has the effect that the power of the Medical Officer of Health to take a sample from or examine a person liable to quarantine, or take a sample from a craft carrying a person liable to quarantine, becomes a power to undertake the examination or sampling himself or herself or to have the examination or sampling undertaken by some other person.

