

House of Representatives
Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 16 September 2003

New Organisms and Other Matters Bill

Proposed amendments

Hon Marian Hobbs, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 5

To omit from *paragraph (b)* of the definition of **human cells** the word “but” (line 13 on page 5).

To omit *paragraph (c)* from the definition of **human cells** (line 14 on page 5).

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends *clause 5* of the Bill to omit *paragraph (c)* from the definition of **human cells**. That paragraph provides that the definition does not include a development stage of a human being. *Paragraph (b)* of the definition includes human embryonic cells that are being grown or maintained outside the human body. The scope of each paragraph overlaps with the other. This could cause confusion and uncertainty as to interpretation. The intention of omitting *paragraph (c)* is to clarify that research involving the genetic modification of human cells, including human embryonic cells, outside the human body is subject to the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996.