



House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 11 May 2004

Police Complaints Authority (Commission of Inquiry into Police Conduct) Amendment Bill

Proposed amendments

Marc Alexander, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

Clause 6

To add to proposed section 32(2A) (after 29 on page 3), the following subsections:

“(2B) Information received by the Commission under **subsection (2A)** must not be published without the express authority of the Commission.

“(2C) For the purposes of **subsection (2B)**, **publish** means to make public in any newspaper or periodical, or on television or radio, or by any electronic means.”

Explanatory note

Information obtained under section 32 of the principal Act has been provided in secret. Although the Commission should have access to this information for the purpose of its inquiries, the secrecy provisions of the Police Complaints Authority under which this information was tendered should be protected wherever possible. A prohibition on publication allows the Commission to receive and act upon this information without unduly compromising the privacy of the individuals named.