

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 14 November 2017

Parental Leave and Employment Protection Amendment Bill

Proposed amendments

Sarah Dowie, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

New clause 11A

After *clause 11* (page 3, after line 14), insert:

11A Section 71CE amended (Keeping-in-touch days)

In section 71CE(1) and (3)(b), replace “40 hours” with “52 hours”.

New clause 21A

After *clause 21* (page 4, after line 11), insert:

21A Section 71CE amended (Keeping-in-touch days)

In section 71CE(1) and (3)(b), replace “52 hours” with “64 hours”.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper (the SOP) proposes amendments to the Parental Leave and Employment Protection Amendment Bill (the Bill), which contains amendments to the Parental Leave and Employment Protection Act 1987. The amendments proposed by the SOP extend the number of keeping-in-touch days for employees entitled to paid parental leave. This extension has been apportioned in line with the extension of paid parental leave, and hence maintains the balance between time away from employment to care for baby and the connection with employment without forfeiting entitlements.