House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Thursday, 12 March 2015

Statutes Amendment Bill (No 4)

Proposed amendments

Hon Simon Bridges, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

New Part 18A inserted After clause 59 (page 23, after line 8), insert:

Part 18A Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Services) Act 2013

59A Principal Act

This **Part** amends the Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Services) Act 2013 (the **principal Act**).

59B Section 23 amended (Services and funding subject to Speaker's directions)

Replace section 23(1)(a) with:

- the entitlements of members of Parliament and qualifying electoral candidates to travel services, including the extent (if at all) to which travel services may continue to be provided after a member of Parliament vacates his or her seat for either or both of the following purposes:
 - "(i) enabling a member to attend to matters associated with leaving Parliament:
 - "(ii) ensuring the efficient and effective use of public resources; and".

59C Schedule 2 amended

In Schedule 2, clause 3(1), replace "the lowest-cost" with "an Air New Zealand".

New Part 24A inserted After clause 79 (page 28, after line 18), insert:

Part 24A Parliamentary Service Act 2000

79A Principal Act

This **Part** amends the Parliamentary Service Act 2000 (the **principal Act**).

79B Section 14 amended (Functions of Parliamentary Service Commission)

Replace section 14(1)(c) with:

"(c) to recommend to the Speaker persons who are suitable to be members of a review committee."

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper proposes to amend the Statutes Amendment Bill (No 4) by inserting 2 new Parts.

New Part 18A amends the Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Services) Act 2013

New clause 59B amends section 23, which requires the Speaker to issue directions setting out certain services and funding available to members of Parliament. Section 23(1)(a) currently requires the Speaker to issue directions setting out the entitlements of members of Parliament and qualifying electoral candidates to travel services. The amendment provides that the directions must also cover the extent (if at all) to which, after a member of Parliament vacates his or her seat, travel services may continue to be provided for the purposes of attending to matters associated with leaving Parliament. This amendment is consistent with the provision of communications services in section 23(1)(c).

New clause 59C amends Schedule 2, which relates to the travel entitlements of former members of Parliament. The amendment provides that the limitation on rebates for international air travel is to be linked to the Air New Zealand online business class air fare.

New Part 24A amends section 14(1) of the Parliamentary Service Act 2000. Currently, section 14(1)(c) refers to nomination of members for the political exchange programme. Section 14(1)(c) should refer to the function of the Parliamentary Service Commission of making recommendations about appointments to the review committee. Section 20 deals with the establishment of a review committee and requires the Speaker to take into account any recommendations made by the Commission under section 14(1)(c).