

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 6 December 2022

Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products (Smoked Tobacco) Amendment Bill

Proposed amendment

Dr Shane Reti, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

New clause 49A

After *clause 49* (page 34, after line 37), insert:

49A New section 99A inserted (Enforcement must include monitoring of vaping by people younger than 18 years)

After section 99, insert:

99A Enforcement must include monitoring of vaping by people younger than 18 years

- (1) The Director-General must ensure that the enforcement of this Act under section 99 includes activities intended to—
 - (a) monitor the access to, and use of, vaping products by people under the age of 18 years; and
 - (b) support policies preventing the use of vaping products by people under the age of 18 years in controlled environments, such as schools and community facilities.
- (2) Nothing in this section is intended to indicate any prioritisation of the enforcement of any particular aspect of this Act over any other aspect of this Act.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper (**SOP**) amends the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products (Smoked Tobacco) Amendment Bill. It addresses widespread community concerns, including from parents and schools, around the significant increase in underage vaping. This SOP remedies this by emphasising the importance of monitoring underage access to and use of vaping products. This includes legislative compliance with activities such as vaping acquisition, as well as support for local policies preventing underage vape use in controlled environments, such as schools and community facilities.