

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 10 November 2015

Support for Children in Hardship Bill

Proposed amendment

Carmel Sepuloni, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

Clause 4

In *clause 4(1), section 3(1)*, replace the definition of **part-time work** (page 3, lines 10 to 26), with:

part-time work means employment that is not full-time employment, or enrolment on a programme of study that is not a full-time programme of study, but—

- (a) is employment that is—
 - (i) under a contract of service, whether on time or piece rates; or
 - (ii) as a self-employed person in any business, profession, trade, manufacture, or undertaking; and
- (b) is employment that—
 - (i) averages not less than 15 hours each week over a 3-month period of employment or over the period of employment if that period is shorter than 3 months,—
 - (A) in relation to a person granted jobseeker support on the ground of sickness, injury, or disability; or
 - (B) for the purposes of sections 11E(2), 88F, 88H(2)(b), and 88I(2)(b); or
 - (ii) averages not less than 20 hours each week over a 3-month period of employment or over the period of employment if that period is shorter than 3 months, in any other case: or

- (c) includes enrolment as a part-time student at an institution on an approved programme, as defined by section 159(1) of the Education Act 1989, which meets the equivalent of the employment requirements in **paragraph (a) or (b)**, at the discretion of the chief executive

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends *clause 4(1)* to amend *section 3(1), definition of part-time work*, to allow recipients of benefits to undertake study as an alternative to seeking employment, as the student allowance is not available to part-time students except in limited circumstances. This amendment will allow people to invest in their future career development so as leave them better positioned to find suitable employment when their child reaches primary school age.