

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 20 June 2023

Worker Protection (Migrant and Other Employees) Bill

Proposed amendments

Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 4: new section 275A

In *clause 4, new section 275A(5)(b)*, replace “may work” (page 4, line 13) with “may only work”.

In *clause 4*, after *new section 275A(5)* (page 4, after line 13), insert:

- (6) If an immigration officer obtains information from a supporting employer under this section, the immigration officer and the Department must not use that information for the purpose of taking adverse action under this Act against any person other than the supporting employer or another supporting employer.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends *clause 4, new section 275A* of the Worker Protection (Migrant and Other Employees) Bill in the following ways:

- the definition of a supporting employer in *subsection (5)(b)* is amended to clarify that the power of an immigration officer to access employment documentation does not apply to the employer of a migrant worker unless the worker’s visa allows them to work only for that particular employer:
- a *new subsection (6)* is inserted to ensure that information obtained from an employer under the section cannot be used by the immigration officer or the Department to take adverse action under the Act against any person, other than a supporting employer.

Departmental disclosure statement

The Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment considers that a departmental disclosure statement is not required to be prepared for this Supplementary Order Paper.