

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 22 September 2015

Accident Compensation (Financial Responsibility and Transparency) Amendment Bill

Proposed amendments

Sue Moroney, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 4

In *clause 4* (page 2, after line 20), insert as subclause (2):

- (2) In section 6(1), insert the following definition in its proper alphabetical order:

Public good means the public interest with regard to reducing injury and accidents

Clause 5

After *clause 5*, new section 166A(2)(c) (page 3, after line 14), insert:

- (d) the state of the Government's fiscal position is not to be a consideration when setting ACC levies:
- (e) the public good as defined in section 6.

New clause 6D

After *clause 6C* (page 5, after line 2), insert:

6D Section 330 replaced (Public Interest)

Replace section 330 with:

330 Public Interest

In exercising any functions or powers under this Act or the Crown Entities Act 2004, the Minister must have regard to the public interest with the purpose of reducing accidents and injuries and, in par-

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ticular, having regards to the interests of taxpayers, levy payers, claimants, and potential claimants.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends *clause 4* to insert in the principal Act a definition of public good meaning the public interest with regard to reducing injury and accidents.

This Supplementary Order Paper also amends *new section 166A* inserting *new sections 166A(2)(d) and 166A(2)(e)* to ensure that the Government of the time sets levies for the purposes outlined in section 3 of the Act, and not for the purpose of achieving other objectives unrelated to ACC levies such as achieving a government surplus. This Supplementary Order Paper aims to address the over-charging to business and workers of ACC levies to the tune of \$350 million a year, and simply codifies the criteria that ACC cannot be used to prop up a failed Crown surplus.

This Supplementary Order Paper also inserts a *new clause 6D* to replace section 300 of the Accident Compensation Act 2001 to ensure that the Minister must have regard for public interest with regard to reducing accidents and injuries.