

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Wednesday, 19 February 2020

Arms Legislation Bill

Proposed amendment

Brett Hudson, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

Clause 36

In *clause 36, new section 24A(1)*, replace *paragraph (j)* (page 46, lines 13 and 14) with:

- (j) the applicant has been convicted of an offence under the Human Rights Act 1993 or the Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015 relating to violent, hateful, or extremist speech or behaviour:

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends *clause 36* of the Arms Legislation Bill. It makes a change to the “fit and proper person” test to hold a firearms licence by replacing *new section 24A(1)(j)* with a new provision that would stop an applicant from having a licence approved if they had been convicted of an offence under the Human Rights Act 1993 or the Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015 relating to violent, hateful, or extremist speech or behaviour. This provides certainty and clarity in the way Police would be assessing patterns of behaviour of people, and bring these assessments in line with current legislation in New Zealand.