

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 12 May 2020

COVID-19 Public Health Response Bill

Proposed amendments

Hon Simon Bridges, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 18

After *clause 18(1)* (page 10, after line 7), insert:

- (1A) The Director-General may only appoint persons under **subsection (1)** who are employees of a department specified in Schedule 1 of the State Sector Act 1988 or a Crown entity specified in Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Crown Entities Act 2004.

Clause 22

In *clause 22(2)*, delete “or person acting under the authority of the constable” (page 12, line 4).

New section 24A

After *section 24* (page 12, after line 33), insert:

24A Only enforcement officers authorised to exercise powers in sections 20 to 24

Only an enforcement officer may exercise the powers in **sections 20 to 24**.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper restricts the enforcement of the Act to enforcement officers only, including removing the ability of constables to allow persons to act under their authority. It also restricts the Director-General, in appointing enforcement officers under *clause 18* of the Bill, to existing Crown employees.

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