

House of Representatives
Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 16 November 2010

Child and Family Protection Bill

Proposed amendment

Lynne Pillay, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

Clause 6

Subclause (2): To omit *subsection (1B)* and substitute the following subsection:

- “(1B) If a child of the applicant’s family attains the age of 18 years, a protection order continues to apply for the benefit of the adult child until—
- “(a) the adult child notifies the court that he or she no longer wishes to be subject to the protection order; or
 - “(b) the order sooner lapses or is discharged.”
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Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends the Child and Family Protection Bill to provide that protection orders continue to protect a child of an applicant’s family after they are 18 years of age, whether or not they reside with the applicant. These young people have been exposed to considerable acrimony and violence and may still be in the future. Protection should be maintained until young people themselves decide that a protection order is no longer required. Maintaining an existing order is more efficient than requiring young people to apply for a new order.
