House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 7 May 2013

Education Amendment Bill

Proposed amendments

Chris Hipkins, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 23

In clause 23, replace subclause (2) (lines 6 to 8 on page 15) with:

(2) In section 120, insert in their appropriate alphabetical order:

"partnership school kura hourua has the meaning given by section 2(1)

"**sponsor** has the meaning given by section 2(1)."

In clause 23, delete subclauses (3) and (4) (lines 9 to 17 on page 15).

Clause 24

Delete clause 24 (lines 18 to 21 on page 15).

Clause 25

Delete clause 25 (lines 22 to 27 on page 15).

Clause 26

In clause 26, delete subclause (2) (lines 33 and 34 on page 15).

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends the Education Amendment Bill, which as currently drafted excludes partnership schools kura hourua from the restrictions on appointment of teachers provided for in the principal Act.

This bill, as drafted, allows charter schools to employ staff with no formal teaching qualifications and does not even require the principal of a charter school to be a qualified teacher.

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The Education and Science Committee heard evidence from submitters that schooling systems with the highest rates of performance in the OECD also have some of the most stringent teacher registration requirements. Teaching requires a unique set of skills, and the Labour Party believes that all teachers should be appropriately qualified for the job and registered.

This Supplementary Order Paper amends the bill to remove exemptions for teachers at partnership schools kura hourua to be registered. Significantly, this Supplementary Order Paper amends the bill to disallow partnership schools kura hourua to appoint or continue to employ a teacher whose practising certificate is suspended until a matter about or involving possible serious misconduct is concluded.