

# House of Representatives

# Supplementary Order Paper

**Tuesday, 14 August 2018**

**Electoral (Integrity) Amendment Bill**

*Proposed amendment*

Simeon Brown, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

*Clause 5*

In *clause 5* after *new section 55E* (page 4, after line 16), insert:

**55F Independent members joining parties**

If an independent member of Parliament chooses to join a political party currently represented in Parliament, the lowest ranked list member of Parliament in that party is removed from Parliament, and that spot is then filled using the process described in sections 191 to 193.

### **Explanatory note**

This Supplementary Order Paper amends clause 5 of the Electoral (Integrity) Amendment Bill to maintain the proportionality of Parliament by ensuring that, if an independent MP joins an existing party represented in Parliament, that party does not benefit by an additional seat and distort the proportionality of Parliament as elected by voters. The party will lose their lowest ranked list MP, and that spot will be filled using the method in sections 191 to 193 to determine list seats in Parliament at a general election. The MP elected may well be the MP that was ejected from the party list if proportionality so requires.