House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 19 June 2012

Mixed Ownership Model Bill

Proposed amendment

Dr Russel Norman, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

Clause 16

In clause 16, after *new section 45X* (after line 10 on page 12), insert:

45Y Mixed ownership model companies must operate according to good business practice

- (1) Mixed ownership model companies must operate according to good business practice. For the purposes of this clause **good business practice** includes, but is not limited to, being:
 - (a) an organisation that behaves in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner; and
 - (b) a good employer; and
 - (c) an organisation that respects the rights and freedoms of New Zealanders and complies with New Zealand law; and
 - (d) an organisation that exhibits a sense of social responsibility by having regard to the interests of the community in which it operates and by endeavouring to accommodate or encourage these when able to do so.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, a **good employer** is an employer who operates a personnel policy containing provisions generally accepted as necessary for the fair and proper treatment of employees in all aspects of their employment, including provisions requiring—
 - (a) good and safe working conditions; and
 - (b) an equal opportunities employment programme; and
 - (c) the impartial selection of suitably qualified persons for appointment; and

(d) opportunities for the enhancement of the abilities of individual employees.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper would make mixed ownership model companies subject to a modernised and enhanced version of section 4 of the State-owned Enterprises Act 1986. The additions in new sections 45Y(1)(a) and 45Y(1)(c) would require mixed ownership model companies to behave in an environmentally and legally responsible manner.