

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Wednesday, 16 October 2013

Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Services) Bill

Proposed amendments

Metiria Turei, in committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 4

Replace *clause 4(3)(a)* (line 25 on page 6 to line 5 on page 7), with:

- (a) services that must be determined by the Remuneration Authority, namely—
 - (i) all travel and accommodation services for members of Parliament and qualifying electoral candidates (except certain international travel and international accommodation services funded from party and member support funding, travel and accommodation services for members of Parliament nominated to participate in the political exchange programme, and travel and accommodation services for members of Parliament participating in the official inter-parliamentary relations programme); and
 - (ii) in respect of Ministers, travel and accommodation services within New Zealand that are additional or alternative to the travel and accommodation services determined for members of Parliament; and
 - (iii) all travel services for family members of members of Parliament; and

Delete *clause 4(3)(ab)* (lines 8 to 10 on page 7).

Delete *clause 4(3)(d)* (lines 29 to 34 on page 7).

Clause 18

Replace *clause 18(1)(a)* and *(b)* (lines 24 to 33 on page 19), with:

- (a) the entitlements of members of Parliament and qualifying electoral candidates to all travel and accommodation services (both within New Zealand and internationally), except the travel and accommodation services specified in **subsection (2)**; and
- (b) the entitlements of Ministers to all travel and accommodation services within New Zealand that are additional or alternative to the travel and accommodation services determined for members of Parliament under **paragraph (a)**; and

Replace *clause 18(2)* (lines 12 to 32 on page 20), with:

- (2) The travel and accommodation services that the Remuneration Authority must determine under **subsection (1)** do not include—
 - (a) travel and accommodation services in respect of members of Parliament participating in the political exchange programme (*see section 24(1)(e)* in respect of these services); and
 - (b) international travel and international accommodation services in respect of members of Parliament travelling for parliamentary purposes where the costs of those travel and accommodation services are met from the party and member support funding appropriated in respect of the party of the member undertaking the travel and are a charge against the leadership funding allocation (*see section 24(3)* in respect of these services); and
 - (c) travel and accommodation services in respect of the official inter-parliamentary relations programme (*see section 31* in respect of these services); and
 - (d) international travel and international accommodation services in respect of Ministers.

Replace *clause 19(1)(a)* (lines 15 to 24 on page 21), with:

- (a) seek advice from the Speaker about—
 - (i) the travel and accommodation services to be provided for members of Parliament; and
 - (ii) the entitlements of family members of members of Parliament, or of family members of qualifying electoral candidates, to travel services within New Zealand; and

Clause 24

Delete *clause 24(1)(aa)* (lines 19 and 20 on page 24).

Clause 27A

Delete *clause 27A* (lines 3 to 9 on page 27).

Clause 27B

Delete *clause 27B* (lines 10 to 16 on page 27).

Clause 27C

Delete *clause 27C* (lines 17 to 21 on page 27).

Clause 27D

Delete *clause 27D* (line 22 on page 27 to line 16 on page 28).

Clause 30

Delete *clause 30(1)(ab)* (lines 31 to 33 on page 30).

Replace *clause 30(1)(b)* and *(c)* (line 34 on page 30 to line 2 on page 31), with:

- (b) the total expenses incurred to provide the travel services referred to in **section 24(1)(e)**; and
- (c) the total expenses incurred to provide the international travel and international accommodation services referred to in **section 24(3)**.

Replace *clause 30(2)* (lines 3 to 17 on page 31), with:

- (2) The chief executive of the department responsible for Ministerial Services must, as soon as practicable after the end of each quarter, prepare and make publicly available a report setting out, in respect of each Minister, the total expenses incurred against the appropriation in **section 23(2)** to provide each category of travel service and accommodation service determined by the Remuneration Authority under **section 18**.

Clause 46

In *clause 46(1)(c)*, after “the provision of” (line 1 on page 42), insert “travel and”.

Delete *clause 46(1)(ca)* (lines 8 to 12 on page 42).

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends the Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Services) Bill to return the responsibility of determining travel and accommodation services to the Remuneration Authority, rather than the Speaker, as provided for in the Bill as introduced. Handing over the responsibility to the Remuneration Authority is a good step towards a transparent system that the public can have confidence in.
