

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Wednesday, 9 June 2021

Social Security (Financial Assistance for Caregivers) Amendment Bill

Proposed amendment

Ricardo Menéndez March, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

New clause 4A

After *clause 4* (page 2, after line 6), insert:

4A Section 46 amended (Unsupported child’s benefit: requirements)

- (1) In section 46(1), delete “, because of the circumstances specified in subsection 2,”.
- (2) Repeal section 46(2).
- (3) After section 46(4), insert:
- (5) To avoid doubt, it is not necessary to establish a breakdown in the child’s family for this section to apply.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends the Social Security (Financial Assistance for Caregivers) Amendment Bill by removing the requirement in the Social Security Act 2018 to prove a breakdown in the family, so caregivers will no longer have to go through Family Court processes before they can receive the benefit. It will also enable whānau with whāngai arrangements to receive the benefit, even if there is no family breakdown.