

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Thursday, 10 February 2005

Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Amendment Bill

Proposed amendments

Hon Phil Goff, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 29(1)

To omit from *new section 131A(2)(a)* of the principal Act the expression “2 years” (line 6 on page 25), and substitute the expression “5 years”.

Clause 40(5)

To omit from *new section 209(5)(a)* of the Customs and Excise Act 1996 the expression “2 years” (line 6 on page 33), and substitute the expression “5 years”.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper sets out amendments to the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Amendment Bill. The Bill amends the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (the **principal Act**) and the Customs and Excise Act 1996. The amendments increase from 2 years to 5 years the maximum terms of imprisonment that may be imposed for the following new offences created by the Bill:

- offences (relating to possession of objectionable publications and involving knowledge) against *new section 131A* of the principal Act; and
- offences (relating, among other things, to being knowingly concerned in the importation or exportation of objectionable publications) against *new section 209(1A)* of the Customs and Excise Act 1996.