

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Supplementary Order Paper

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HEALTH RESEARCH COUNCIL BILL

Proposed Amendments and Motion

Right Hon. HELEN CLARK, in Committee, to move the following amendments and motion:

Clause 2: To omit from line 12 on page 3 the expression "or section 18".

Clause 6: To omit the word "Research" from line 4 on page 5.

Clauses 18 and 19: The Right Hon. HELEN CLARK to move that *clauses 18 and 19* (which are set out on page 13) be renumbered respectively as clauses 22AA and 22AB and transferred to page 15, where they shall be inserted after line 18 on that page,—

- (a) With the words "Maori Health Research" being omitted wherever they appear in the clauses, and the words "Maori Health" being substituted in each case; and
- (b) With the heading "*Maori Health Committee*" being inserted above the renumbered *clause 22AA*.

Clause 22A: To omit subclause (2) (all the words in lines 31 to 35 on page 14), and substitute the following subclause:

(2) At least 5 of the 7 members of each Research Committee shall have research experience that is relevant to the kind of health research in respect of which the committee is established.

Clause 22AC: To insert, immediately before line 19 on page 15, the following clause:

22AC. Membership of Maori Health Committee—

- (1) The Maori Health Committee shall consist of 7 members.
- (2) The members of the Maori Health Committee—
 - (a) Shall be appointed from time to time by the Council; and
 - (b) May include both members of the Council and persons who are not members of the Council.
- (3) In appointing members of the Maori Health Committee, the Council shall have regard to—
 - (a) Their personal attributes; and
 - (b) Their ability to contribute to the discharge of the functions of the Maori Health Committee.
- (4) The chairperson of the Maori Health Committee shall be a member of the Council from time to time appointed for the purpose by the Council.

(5) Subject to subsection (6) of this section, every member of the Maori Health Committee shall be appointed for a term of 3 years, but may from time to time be reappointed.

(6) Upon the completion by any person of 2 consecutive terms as a member of the Maori Health Committee, that person shall cease to be eligible for reappointment as a member of that committee until after the lapse of 3 years during which that person did not hold office as a member of that committee.

Clause 40A (2) (b): To omit the expression "1994", and substitute the expression "1993".

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Clause 2: The proposed amendment excludes the Maori Health Research Committee from the definition of the term "research committee". The "research committees" for the purposes of the Bill will now be the Biomedical Research Committee and the Public Health Research Committee. The Maori Health Research Committee is to be renamed the Maori Health Committee.

Clause 6: The proposed amendment is consequential on the change in the name of the Maori Health Committee.

Clauses 18 and 19: The Minister proposes to move that *clauses 18 and 19* (which relate to the Maori Health Research Committee) be renumbered respectively as *clauses 22AA and 22AB* and transferred to page 15 of the Bill,—

- (a) With the words "Maori Health Research" being omitted wherever they appear in the clauses, and the words "Maori Health" being substituted in each case; and
- (b) With the heading "*Maori Health Committee*" being inserted above the renumbered *clause 22AA*.

It is intended that the clauses relating to the establishment, functions, and membership of that Committee be grouped together later in the Bill.

Clause 22A: The proposed amendment is consequential on the alteration proposed to the definition of the term "research committee".

Clause 22AC: The proposed new clause relates to the membership of the Maori Health Committee. The new clause is based on *clause 22A* of the Bill. The need for the new clause arises from the proposed exclusion of the Maori Health Committee from the definition of the term "research committee" and from the motion to be moved by the Minister in relation to *clauses 18 and 19*.

Clause 40A: Under *subclause (2)* of this clause every person who, immediately before the commencement of the Act, is a person funded, directly or indirectly, by the Medical Research Council of New Zealand as a tenured investigator for a term that has not expired will (subject to the contract under which that person is funded) continue to be funded by the Health Research Council of New Zealand until the earlier of—

- (a) The expiration of that term; or
- (b) The expiration of the 31st day of December 1994.

The proposed amendment reduces the maximum period of mandatory funding by providing that such mandatory funding cannot extend beyond 31 December 1993.