

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 4 December 2007

Electoral Finance Bill

Proposed amendments

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

Part 3

New Subpart 1A: to insert the following new Subpart after Subpart 1 (after line 38 on page 101).

Subpart 1A—Review of electoral matters

126A Independent review panel

- (1) Within 2 months of the entry into force of this Act, the Minister of Justice will establish terms of reference for, and appoint, an independent review panel.
- (2) The functions of the independent review panel are to—
 - (a) review the existing controls on the financing of election campaigns; and
 - (b) review levels of transparency and accountability of candidates, parties and other persons engaged in election activities; and
 - (c) establish a public participation process to consider the financing of elections and political parties in accordance with the requirements of **section 126B**.

126B Citizen's Assembly

- (1) The public participation process required by **section 126A(2)(c)** will be a Citizen's Assembly that—
 - (a) consists of at least two registered voters randomly selected from each of the Maori and General electorates; and
 - (b) undertakes public hearings; and

- (c) makes recommendations for change in accordance with terms of reference set by the Minister of Justice.
- (2) The Citizen's Assembly must report to the Minister of Justice with its recommendations within 12 months of the entry into force of this Act.

126C Ministerial response

The Minister must respond to the report of the Citizen's Assembly and present a copy of the response to the House of Representatives within 6 months of receiving the report.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends the Electoral Finance Bill to insert a new Subpart 1A in Part 3. Subpart 1A establishes an Independent Review Panel to—

- (a) review the existing controls on the financing of election campaigns; and
- (b) review levels of transparency and accountability of candidates, parties and other persons engaged in election activities; and
- (c) establish a public participation process to consider the financing of elections and political parties.

The public participation process consists of a Citizen's Assembly to give an independent and representative view on the financing of election campaigns and improving transparency and accountability of candidates, parties and other persons engaged in election activities.
