



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Supplementary Order Paper

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BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL

Further Proposed Amendments

Hon. MAURICE WILLIAMSON, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 18 (section 74A): To insert in line 15 on page 20, after the word "Parliament", the following words " , or deemed to have been appropriated by Parliament,".

Clause 18 (section 74B): To omit subsections (4) and (5) of section 74A (all the words in lines 25 to 33 on page 21), and substitute the following subsection:

"(4) When the Electoral Commission is satisfied in relation to any account that the account or any part of the account should be paid, the Electoral Commission shall, out of money appropriated by Parliament, or deemed to have been appropriated by Parliament, for the purpose of enabling political parties to meet all or part of the costs of broadcasting election programmes during the election period, pay to the person who issued the account the amount approved by the Electoral Commission for payment.

Clause 18 (section 77A): To omit subsections (4) and (5) of section 77A (all the words in lines 13 to 19 on page 29), and substitute the following subsections:

"(4) The Electoral Commission shall determine the amounts to be paid on account of the production costs of every opening address and every closing address broadcast pursuant to **subsection (1)** of this section.

"(5) The Electoral Commission shall pay each amount determined under **subsection (4)** of this section to the person who issued the account for the production costs of the opening address or closing address.

"(6) Each amount paid under **subsection (5)** of this section shall be paid out of public money appropriated by Parliament (or deemed by **section 74 (2)** of this Act to have been appropriated by Parliament) for the purpose specified in **section 74 (1)** of this Act.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Clauses 74A (1), 74B (4), and 77A (4) and (5) relate to the payment of accounts for broadcasting time allocated to political parties and for part of the production costs of opening addresses and closing addresses. Under the Bill as introduced, the accounts are paid by the Secretary for Justice after they have been approved for payment by the Electoral Commission. Under the amendments now proposed the accounts will be paid by the Electoral Commission itself. The Secretary for Justice is a member of the Electoral Commission.