

House of Representatives  
**Supplementary Order Paper**

**Wednesday, 1 December 2004**

**Civil Union Bill**

*Proposed amendments*

Hon Brian Donnelly, in committee, to move the following amendments:

*Clause 2*

To omit subclauses (1) and (2), and substitute the following subclauses:

- (1) Except as provided in **subsection (2)**, this Act comes into force after—
  - (a) the Chief Electoral Officer has declared the final result of the national referendum to be held on the day appointed in 2005 for the taking of the poll of electors at the general election which asks the question:  
Should the Civil Union Act **2004** become law?; and
  - (b) a majority of those voting in the referendum answers “Yes” to the question.
- (2) **Subsection (1)** comes into force on the day after the date on which this Act receives the Royal assent.

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**Explanatory note**

This Supplementary Order Paper amends the Civil Union Bill to ensure that it is only able to be enacted following a referendum in which a majority answer ‘yes’ to the question: “Should the Civil Union Act 2004 become law?”.

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