

# **CHILD CARE BILL 2002**

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **AMENDMENTS IN COMMITTEE**

#### **Amendment to clause 96, page 57 of the Bill:**

This amendment to the Bill better accommodates care providers in licensed home based care coming together, by providing that travelling time is to be disregarded when calculating the time that care providers spend together or at playgroups.

This amendment provides that a regulation may not allow a period of care of more than 3 hours (disregarding any travelling time) to be provided under this section more than once in a week.

In this section, “travelling time” means time during which the children in care are transported to or from a home or other place for the purpose of a period of care under the section.

This amendment addresses the Family Day Care sector’s concerns that travelling time should not be included when calculating the time that care providers spend together or at playgroups. In particular, it will benefit those care providers who care for children in remote or rural areas, where travelling time can sometimes be quite lengthy.

#### **Amendment to clause 194, page 104 of the Bill:**

This amendment to the Bill omits lines 20 and 21 on page 104, namely from ‘the home based service’ to ‘the engagement’. The amendment then inserts ‘a home based service, even if the person later resumes being engaged to carry out the functions of a coordinator of a home based service.’.

The original clause in the Bill would have prevented a currently engaged unqualified coordinator from a Family Day Care Scheme from moving to another Scheme, which would have resulted in a transitional provision for family day care that was not as generous as the similar transition provision

for centre based care (see clause 193 of the Bill). As a result, the revised clause allows an unqualified person currently engaged as a coordinator of a Family Day Care Scheme to continue to act as a coordinator and to move to another Scheme to act as a coordinator.

**Amendment to Schedule 1, pages 112 and 113 of the Bill, *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001*:**

This amendment to the Bill amends the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001*. This amendment is a technical amendment, which will avoid the circularity of definitions in regard to “non-State school” under the education legislation and “child care service” under the Child Care Bill.