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Hon Christopher Finlayson QC, Attorney-General

**Consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990: Newborn Enrolment with General Practice Bill**

1. We have considered whether the Newborn Enrolment with General Practice Bill ('the Bill'), a member's Bill in the name of Dr Parmjeet Parmar MP, is consistent with the rights and freedoms affirmed in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 ('the Bill of Rights Act').
2. The purpose of the Bill is to improve the health and social results for infants and children. The Bill aims to achieve this by requiring that newborns are enrolled with a general practice before the newborn is due for their first immunisation at six weeks of age.
3. We have concluded that the Bill appears to be consistent with the rights and freedoms affirmed in the Bill of Rights Act.

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