

New Zealand Parliamentary Debate (Hansard)
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CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)
PETITION – D RITCHIE

Report of the Justice and Law Reform Committee

ALEC NEILL (Chairman of the Justice and Law Reform Committee): I am directed to present a report. I move, *That the report of the Justice and Law Reform Committee on the Crimes Amendment Bill (No. 2) and on the petition of Denise Ritchie do lie upon the table.* This Bill was introduced and referred to the Justice and Law Reform Committee on 29 November 1994. The Bill makes four principal amendments to the Crimes Act 1961. These relate to sexual conduct with children outside New Zealand, female genital mutilation, money laundering, and theft by a spouse. The closing date for submissions was 10 February 1995 and the committee considered 28 submissions.

Having considered the Bill, the committee now recommends a number of amendments. The first amendment relates to the commencement date. The committee recommends an amendment to the commencement date of the Crimes Amendment Bill (No. 2). It was to come into effect on 1 April 1995. However, the committee recommends that the new commencement date be 1 July 1995 except in relation to clause 3, which relates to female genital mutilation. The committee recommends that this clause come into force as from 1 January 1996. The committee made this recommendation so that Government departments will have sufficient time to put in place and to develop an educational programme for those concerned as it relates to female genital mutilation.

Other clauses to which changes were recommended include clause 2, which relates to sexual conduct with children outside New Zealand. Clause 2 inserts new sections 144A to