Extract from Hansard

[ASSEMBLY - Wednesday, 22 May 2002] p10984b-10984b Mr John Kobelke; Mrs Cheryl Edwardes

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION (IDENTIFYING PEOPLE) BILL 2001

Council's Amendments

Amendments made by the Council now considered.

Consideration in Detail

Amendment No 14 made by the Council on which it did not insist was as follows -

Clause 80, page 70, line 16 - To delete "may" and insert "shall".

The alternative amendments were as follows -

No 1

Clause 80, page 70, lines 16 and 17 - To delete ", other than a police officer,".

No 2

Clause 80, page 70, after line 19 - To insert -

(3) The Minister is not to authorise a police officer under subsection (1).

Mr KOBELKE: I move -

That alternative amendments Nos 1 and 2 made by the Council be agreed to.

I move this on behalf of the Minister for Police who gave an undertaking that a police officer would not be placed in charge of the register relating to DNA. Her undertaking is to be fulfilled by the way the Act will be administered. These amendments will include this provision in the legislation. The Opposition supports the Government on these amendments.

Mrs EDWARDES: This matter has been raised in this House and the other place. It is clear that the legislation needed amending to clarify the clear intent of the Government and the Opposition. The Opposition is happy that this wording has been agreed upon.

Question put and passed; the Council's alternative amendments agreed to.

The Council acquainted accordingly.