

ADOPTION AMENDMENT (SAME SEX COUPLES) BILL 2010 (No 2)

Amendments proposed by Legislative Council on 8 September 2010.

No. 1 Page 3, Schedule 1. Insert after line 9:

[2] **Section 45A**

Insert after section 45:

45A Background information about prospective adoptive parents to be made available to birth parents

- (1) If an application to adopt a child is made by a couple, background information relating to the couple that is obtained by the Director-General or principal officer in connection with the application is, at the request of the birth parents of the child, to be provided to the birth parents before adoption order may be made in relation to that child.
- (2) In this section, *background information* relating to a couple includes information about the couple's social and cultural background, religious beliefs, domestic relationship and living arrangements, but does not include information that identifies the couple.

No. 2 Page 5, Schedule 2.1, line 6. Omit "Nothing in this Act affects any policy or practice of an organisation or person providing adoption services". Insert instead "Nothing in Part 3A or 4C affects any policy or practice of a faith-based organisation concerning the provision of adoption services".

No. 3 Page 5, Schedule 2.1. Insert after line 15:

- (3) In this section, *faith-based organisation* means an organisation that is established or controlled by a religious organisation and that is accredited under the *Adoption Act 2000* to provide adoption services.
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