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Paedophiles to be Banned From Working With Children

Convicted child-sex offenders will be banned from working with children under new legislation to be introduced into Parliament this week, Police Minister Paul Henderson announced today.

The Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Registration Bill) 2004 will require people who are convicted of sexual offences against children – including sexual intercourse, gross indecency and child pornography – to submit their personal details to police to be entered into a Police database.

“For as long as a person is on the database they will be banned from being employed in any job that will bring them into close contact with children, including as a teacher, child care worker, taxi driver, and in sporting clubs and religious associations,” Mr Henderson said.

Depending on the seriousness of the offence for which they were convicted, offenders will have to stay on the database for up to 15 years.

An offender who breaches the new law – including by applying for a child-related job – faces up to two years in jail.

“Sexual offences against children are truly despicable, and as many offenders re-offend its right that we put these special measures in place to protect our children,” said Mr Henderson.