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ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Assembly and National Council of Provinces

The Speaker and the Chairperson

1. Draft Bills submitted in terms of Joint Rule 159

- (1) National Small Enterprise Amendment Bill, 2023, submitted by the Minister of Small Business Development.

Referred to the **Portfolio Committee on Small Business Development** and the **Select Committee on Trade and Industry, Economic Development, Small Business Development, Tourism, Employment and Labour**, for information.

2. Bills passed by Houses – to be submitted to President for assent

- (1) Bill passed by National Assembly on 13 June 2023:

(a) **Land Court Bill** [B11D–2021] (National Assembly – sec 75).

National Assembly

The Speaker

1. Referral to Committees of papers tabled

- (1) The following paper is referred to the **Joint Standing Committee on Defence** for consideration:

(a) 2023 First Quarterly Report of the National Conventional Arms Control Committee (NCACC) for January – March 2023, tabled in terms of section 23(1)(c) of the National Conventional Arms Control Act, 2002 (Act No 41 of 2002).

- (2) The following paper is referred to the **Portfolio Committee on Police** for consideration:

(a) Report of the National Police Commissioner on the implementation of the Domestic Violence Act by the South African Police Service for the period 01 October 2022 – 31 March 2023, tabled in terms of section 18(5)(d) of the Domestic Violence Act, 1998 (Act No 116 of 1998).

2. Withdrawal of Bills

- (1) The **Traditional Affairs General Amendment Bill** [B16–2022] (National Assembly – proposed sec 76) has been withdrawn in accordance with Assembly Rule 334.

3. Draft Bills submitted in terms of Assembly Rule 276(2)

- (1) **Electoral Commission Amendment Bill**, 2023, submitted by Dr A Lotriet, MP.

Referred to the **Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs**.

National Council of Provinces

The Chairperson

1. Bills passed by Assembly and transmitted to Council for concurrence

- (1) Bill passed by National Assembly and transmitted for concurrence on 13 June 2023:
- (a) **National Health Insurance Bill** [B11B–2019] (National Assembly – proposed sec 76).

The Bill has been referred to the **Select Committee on Health and Social Services** of the National Council of Provinces.

2. Membership of Committees

- (1) The following changes were made to the membership of Select Committees of the National Council of Provinces:

Select Committee on Transport, Public Service and Administration, Public Works and Infrastructure (*Transport, Public Service and Administration, Public Works and Infrastructure, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation and Electricity*)

Appointed: Hon. Ms N Tafeni (Eastern Cape – EFF)

Select Committee on Trade and Industry, Economic Development, Small Business Development, Tourism, Employment and Labour (*Trade and Industry, Economic Development, Small Business Development and Tourism, Employment and Labour*)

Appointed: Hon. Ms N Tafeni (Eastern Cape – EFF)

Select Committee on Education and Technology, Sports, Arts and Culture (*Basic Education, Higher Education, Science and Technology, Sports, Arts and Culture*)

Appointed: Hon. Ms N Tafeni (Eastern Cape – EFF) – alternate

Select Committee on Health and Social Services (*Health, Social Development, Women, Youth Development and Persons with Disabilities and StatsSA*)

Appointed: Hon. Ms N Tafeni (Eastern Cape – EFF) – alternate

COMMITTEE REPORTS

National Assembly

1. REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES ON AMENDMENTS TO PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR EMPLOYEES FOR APPROVAL IN TERMS OF SECTION 10(4)(b) OF THE PROTECTED DISCLOSURES ACT, 2000 (ACT NO. 26 OF 2000), DATED 13 JUNE 2023

The Portfolio Committee on Justice and Correctional Services, having considered the amendments to the Practical Guidelines for Employees submitted in terms of section 10(4)(b) of the Protected Disclosures Act, 2000 (Act No. 26 of 2000), reports as follows:

1. In terms of section 10(4)(a) of the Protected Disclosures Act, 2000 (Act No. 26 of 2000), the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services must issue practical guidelines (Guidelines) which explain (i) the provisions of the Act; and (ii) all procedures which are available in terms of any law to employees or workers who wish to report or otherwise remedy an impropriety.
2. Section 10(4)(b) of the Act provides that the Guidelines must be approved by Parliament before publication in the Gazette.
3. The Guidelines were referred to the Committee for consideration and report on 25 November 2022 and the Committee was briefed on the contents on 7 June 2023.
4. The Guidelines were published in Government Gazette 34572 of 31 August 2011 but as the Act was amended on 2 August 2017, the Guidelines now require amending.

5. Section 8(1) of the Act was amended to include the South African Human Rights Commission, the Commission for Gender Equality, the Commission for Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities, and the Public Service Commission as other institutions to which protected disclosures could also be made. Consequently, the proposed amendments to the Guidelines specify that these are also institutions to which protected disclosures can be made.

6. It is also proposed to amend Part III of the Guidelines to:
 - Set out the contact details of the Public Protector in all nine Provinces, and not in only four Provinces as the Guidelines currently provide.
 - Set out the contact details of other persons or bodies contemplated in section 8(1)(c) to whom protected disclosures can be made.

7. Finally, it is proposed to delete Part IV, which includes a copy of the Act, from the Guidelines. The proposed deletion would do away with the need to amend the Guidelines by substituting the Act whenever it is amended.

Recommendation

8. The Committee recommends that the National Assembly approves the amendments to Practical Guidelines for Employees for approval in terms of section 10(4)(b) of the Protected Disclosures Act, 2000 (Act No. 26 of 2000).

Report to be considered