



INVITATION TO PUBLIC HEARING AND CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON BILLS

The Portfolio Committee on Public Works, Roads and Transport; Community Safety, Security and Liaison, hereby invites members of the public, interested and affected parties to submit written inputs on the below-mentioned Bills:

JUDICIAL MATTERS THIRD AMENDMENT BILL[B53-2013]

Objectives of the Judicial Matters Third Amendment Bill [B53-2013]

The primary aim of the Judicial Matters Third Amendment Bill, 2013 (the “Bill”), is to amend the Attorneys Act, 1979 (Act No. 53 of 1979), and the Child Justice Act, 2008 (Act No. 75 of 2008), in order to address practical and technical issues of a non-contentious nature.

LEGAL PRACTICE BILL [B20 B-2012]

Objectives of the Legal Practice Bill [B20 B-2012]

The Bill seeks to provide a legislative framework for the transformation and restructuring of the legal profession in line with constitutional imperatives so as to facilitate and enhance an independent legal profession that broadly reflects the diversity and demographics of the Republic; to provide for the establishment, powers and functions of a single South African Legal Practice Council and Provincial Councils in order to regulate the affairs of legal practitioners and to set norms and standards; to provide for the admission and enrolment of legal practitioners; to regulate the professional conduct of legal practitioners so as to ensure accountable conduct; to provide for the establishment of an Office of a Legal Services Ombud and for the appointment, powers and functions of a Legal Services Ombud; to provide for a Legal Practitioners’ Fidelity Fund and a Board of Control for the Fidelity Fund; to provide for the establishment, powers and functions of a National Forum on the Legal Profession; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

The purpose of public participation is to solicit views or inputs on the possible effect of the implementation of the legislation.

The Committee will conduct a public hearing scheduled as follows:

DATE	VENUE	TIME
Tuesday, 4 February 2014	Govan Mbeki Foyer, Building 1, Riverside Government Complex Nelspruit	15:00 - late

Copies of the Bills are obtainable from the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature website: www.mpuleg.gov.za .

Written submissions should be sent on or **before Wednesday, 5 February 2014** to Ms Pretty Mahlangu at
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