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DRAFT MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE

Wednesday, 21 June 2023 (at 14:00) Chamber

PRESENT:

Members

Democratic Alliance

Maseko, L (Chairperson)
Sileku, I
Murray, C

African National Congress

Maran, P

Economic Freedom Fighters

Klaas, T

GOOD

De Villiers, P

Persons who were in attendance:

National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure

Mr L Ndou, Chief Director: Property Sector Regulation National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure

Mr J Lekala: Property Sector Regulation National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure

National Department of Human Settlements

Ms J Tshikomba, Senior Legal Administration Officer

National Houme Builders Registration Council

Ms N Fouche, Legal Advisor
Ms F Sikobi, Acting Provincial Manager
Ms A van der Berg, Marketing Manager

Department of Infrastructure

Ms J Gooch, Head of Department
Ms P Masiko-Kambala, Director: Infrastructure Policy and Research
Mr P Whelan, Deputy Director: Infrastructure Policy and Research

Members of the public (see attached attendance register)

1. Opening and Welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, the national departmental officials, and members of the public.

2. Briefing by the national Department of Transport, Public Works and Infrastructure on the Expropriation Bill [B 23B-2020] (NCOP)

The national Department of Transport, Public Works and Infrastructure provided the meeting with an overview of the Expropriation Bill [B 23B-2020], aligning it to the relevant provisions as contained in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996. The reasons for the review of the Expropriation Act (Act 63 of 1975) were explained. A clause-by-clause discussion on the proposed amendments ensued.

Formal verbal submissions were made by members of the public. Members of the public were given an opportunity to ask questions of clarity and to raise their concerns regarding the Bill. The National Department responded accordingly.

Communicare tenants who were in attendance, informed the Committee of their concerns pertaining to eviction notices that were issued to them due to adult children who resided with them and non-payment of rental fees. Further complaints were raised regarding the non-issuing of title deeds, flooded accommodation and the unemployment rate of youth.

3. Briefing by the national Department of Human Settlements and Infrastructure on the Housing Consumer Protection Bill [B10B 2021] (NCOP)

The national Department of Human Settlements and Infrastructure provided the meeting with an overview of the Consumer Protection Bill [B10B 2021]. They explained the reasons for the repeal of the Housing Consumer Protection Measures Act (Act 95 of 1998). A clause-by-clause discussion on the proposed amendments ensued.

Formal verbal submissions were made by members of the public. Members of the public were given an opportunity to ask questions of clarity and to raise their concerns regarding the Bill. The National Department responded accordingly.

Members of the public raised concerns regarding the fees that were being charged by the NHBRC for home enrolment, definitions that were not clear for example the term "exceptional

circumstance”, circumstances that does not require building plans and insurance for contactors and private insurance. Further comments were made regarding the legal jargon used in the awareness programmes offered by the NHBRC, which is construed to be too difficult for laypersons to understand.

4. Resolutions/Actions

4.1 The Committee RESOLVED to:

4.1.1 Invite Communicare to brief it on eviction notices issued to tenants and the non-issuing of title deeds to qualifying beneficiaries; and

4.1.2 Invite the NHBRC to brief it on its training programmes, awareness programmes, and distinctions made between the past and the present prescripts of the bill.

4.2 The Committee REQUESTED that Ms Judgemore Tshikomba, Senior Legal Administration Officer from the National Department of Human Settlements, investigate the issue pertaining to the title deeds of service stands.

The meeting adjourned at 21:00.



MS LM MASEKO (MPP)

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE

DATE:

29/06/2023