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## Call for Verbal and Written Submissions on the Social Assistance Amendment Bill [B5 – 2010]

In line with Parliament's constitutional mandate for providing a national forum for public consideration of issues and seeking to act as a voice for the people, the Portfolio Committee on Social Development (National Assembly) will conduct public hearings on the Social Assistance Amendment Bill [B5-2010].

The Social Assistance Amendment Bill aims to:

- Amend the Social Assistance Act, 2004, so as to insert a definition;
- Further regulate the eligibility for a disability grant;
- Enable applicants and beneficiaries to apply to the Agency to reconsider its decision;
- Further regulate appeals against decisions of the Agency;
- Effect certain textual corrections; and
- Provide for matters connected therewith.

Interested individuals, organisations, communities and groups wishing to comment on the Bill are requested to forward their written submissions in any of South Africa's official languages to the Committee by strictly no later than 6 April 2010. Those who are interested to make further oral presentations should indicate that on their submissions.

Public hearings will take place on 20 – 21 April 2010 from 09:00 to 12:30 at Old Assembly Chamber, Ground Floor, Old Assembly Wing, Parliament, Cape Town.

Enquiries and submissions should be addressed to Ms Zola Vice, Committee Secretary, PO Box 15, Cape Town 8000 or 021 403-3755 or 083 709 8397. Fax: 086 604 5468 or e-mail: [zvice@parliament.gov.za](mailto:zvice@parliament.gov.za)

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