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- Participation in joint sessions by the National Assembly's Portfolio Committee on Sport and Recreation and the NCOP's Portfolio Committee on Education and Recreation has occurred regularly. Bills deliberated on in order to give effect to the Guarantees issued, are the *2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa Special Measures Bill (section 75 Bill)* and the *Second 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa Special Measures (section 76 Bill)*. Both Bills have eventually been adopted by the Joint Committee on 25th July 2006.
- The DHA was represented by its Director: Permits, Mr Andre Goosen, during two official visits to Germany in April and June 2006, being part of fact finding and observer delegations in respect of the FIFA 2006 Soccer World Cup.
- Valuable observations were made, in particular pertaining to the following:



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- *Government Guarantees were properly addressed and executed by the Federal Government of Germany.*
- *A close working relationship with FIFA was maintained at all times.*
- *Unnecessary red tape in the issuing of Visas was avoided.*
- *Ticket holders in Germany had to present such tickets when applying for Visas.*
- *An immigration plan to cater for the different categories of guests should be in place as soon as possible.*
- *It is important that DHA, DOL, SARS (Customs) and the Local Organising Committee (LOC) have a close working relationship.*
- *Specific procedures whereby the LOC can accredit certain categories of persons should be investigated. Such accredited persons shall not require work permits for employment during the 2010 World Cup.*
- *Department of Home Affairs should consider waiving requirements for visa applications when an application is lodged and the applicant can prove possession of a match ticket/tickets.*



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- Foreign missions should be in a position to check information on a 24 hour hotline manned by the LOC and provided by FIFA.
- A data base identifying soccer hooligans is operational and available.
- Where applicable, the above observations have been addressed in the Strategic Plan and will be addressed in the Operational planning.

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- *The Department have made significant contributions to the drafting and finalisation of the necessary legislative framework in support of the Guarantees issued regarding the FIFA 2010 World Cup.*
- *To date, all requirements and requests from the Office of the DG 2010 and the Technical Coordinating Committee have been met and responded to, particularly in respect of the submission of a Sector Plan and Budgetary Estimates.*



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