



## EASTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

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### PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Negotiating mandate of the Rental Housing Amendment Bill (B30B-2007)

#### 1. *Terms of reference*

The Rental Housing Amendment Bill (B30B-2007) hereinafter referred to as the Bill, was referred to the Portfolio Committee on Housing by the NCOP Business Committee for consideration.

#### 2. *Consideration of the Bill*

The Portfolio Committee was briefed on the content and effects of the Bill by the Permanent Delegate and the Legal Advisor of the Legislature, Mr. I.I Netshitumbu. The Committee welcomes the Bill, as it will protect the consumers in the rental industry.

The Committee also noted the Constitutional requirements for passing the Bill and the obligation on the legislatures to facilitate public involvement in their legislative processes as laid down by the Constitutional Court in the *Doctors for Life*<sup>1</sup> and *Matatiele*<sup>2</sup> cases. The Committee conducted public hearings throughout the province.

<sup>1</sup> *Doctors for Life International v Speaker of the National Assembly and Others* 2006(12)BCLR 1399 CC

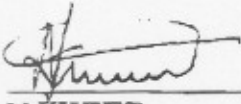
<sup>2</sup> *Matatiele Municipality and Others v President of the Republic of South Africa and Others* 2007(1) BCLR 47 (CC)

3. *Negotiating mandate of the Committee*

The Committee resolved to confer the following negotiating mandate:

- To support the Bill
- However the Committee expressed concern that Tribunals are not accessible.

4. The Portfolio Committee further resolve that Hon. D Neer represents the Province of the Eastern Cape in a meeting to consider the negotiating mandate.



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