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Mr MJ MAHLANGU**

NEGOTIATING MANDATE: MANDATING PROCEDURE OF PROVINCES BILL [B8 - 2007]

(Section 76 Bills)

1 INTRODUCTION

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Constitutional Affairs, Hon EM Sulliman tabled the Committee's negotiating mandate as adopted by the Standing Committee on 21 August 2007, on the *Mandating Procedures of Provinces Bill [B8-2007]*. The mandate was duly adopted by the legislature in terms of rule 133 of the Northern Cape Provincial legislature.

2 PROCESS FOLLOWED

The Speaker referred the *Mandating Procedures of Provinces Bill [B8-2007]* to the Standing Committee on Constitutional Affairs on 12 June 2007.

The Standing Committee received a briefing on the Bill from the Northern Cape's Permanent Delegate to the NCOP Hon MA Sulliman at its meeting on 7 August 2007.

The Standing Committee resolved at its meeting held on 7 August 2007, to hold public hearings on the referred Bill in the areas of Frances Baard, Pixley ka Seme, Kgalagadi, Siyanda and Namaqua to solicit the views of the affected beneficiary communities and stakeholders with regard to the *Mandating Procedures of Provinces Bill [B8-2007]*.

Five (5) Public Hearings were held on 16 August 2007 as per Committee resolution and both written and oral submissions were called for. The Public engaged with the Members of the Provincial Legislature on their views.

On 21 August 2007 the Standing Committee on Constitutional Affairs deliberated and considered the *Mandating Procedures of Provinces Bill [B8-2007]*.