

# NORTH WEST PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

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## NEGOTIATING MANDATE

**TO:** Hon R. N Rasmeni  
Chairperson of Select Committee on Social Services

**Name of the Bill/Question:** MENTAL HEALTH CARE AMENDMENT BILL [B39-2012]

**Number of Bill:** [B39 - 2012]

**Date of deliberation:** 26 JULY 2013


**Vote of Legislature** The portfolio Committee on Health and Social Development, Women, Children and People with Disability vote in favor of the Bill noting the concerns as raised by communities

### INPUTS OF THE PARTICIPANTS


1. The community wanted to know the background of Chapter 8 of the Mental Health Act, 1973.
2. The community wanted to know what warrants the Delegation of powers and to who are the powers delegated to at the provincial level.
3. If a person is mentally ill, where is the person supposed to get help from?
4. The community wanted to know if the person whom the powers will be delegated to, would

be responsible and accountable for reviewing the patients to avoid loopholes.

5. The community wanted to know whether the bill considers the traditional healers as they also deal with mentally ill patients;
6. The community also seeks clarity on the Section that talks about Rights and Privileges.
7. The community wanted to know if the officials who will be delegated powers by the Director – General will be from the Province or National office.
8. The community wanted to know how long it will take for the state patients to review mental health status in a year;
9. The community wanted to know if there are measures by government with regard to mental patients who are roaming in the rural villages and in street towns to ensure their safety.

  
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Hon. K. V. Kekesi

**Chairperson: Health and Social Development,  
Women, Children and People with Disabilities.**

  
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Date