

**Submissions to the Portfolio Committee on Arts and Culture**

**PARLIAMENT OF RSA**

**Subject: South African Language Practitioners, Bill**

**Prepared by Language Activist in Parliament:**

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**DEFINITIONS**

Include and define:

Oath of Office; Seniority levels; Language Professional; Accreditable; registrable LPs and Retired accreditation

**Functions of Council**

Sec 4 (c) should include PanSALB

Add. A function to determine standardised tariffs for each level of Language Practitioners

**Composition**

Sect. 5 (3) (b) include Arts and Culture and exclude all other government departments but include Setas currently accredited by both Basic and Higher Education departments.

Include Pan SALB in the list.

Instead of stakeholders in the language industry, insert Senior or Chief Language Practitioners

## **Meeting Procedures**

Under section 10 the must meet twice in each term of the current calendar year.

The Minister may direct the Board to hold an extraordinary meeting if he or she deems it fit.

## **Chapter 6**

Section 20: The act must specify all the elements that constitute a registrable or Accreditable Language Practitioner

The act must have a provision for a special accreditation or accreditation of Retired Language Professionals or Practitioners.

Thank you

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## SUBMISSIONS ON SOUTH AFRICAN LANGUAGE PRACTITIONERS BILL

We wish to make submissions on the following aspects viz;

### CHAPTER 3 = Composition of Board

- There is no reference to gender and disability representation. This is an absolutely critical that ought to be captured in the Act under this particular chapter.
- 5.(2) and (3) needs to be specific around provision of nominations to the Board for traditional and indigenous groups e.g. Khoi /San
- Language units within courts and the various levels of the legislatures ought to be represented as their expertise could greatly enhance the Board's objectives and operations
- Individuals with more than 10 years experience, who have been the backbone of the interpretation services, who may not possess the necessary qualifications need to be considered as their great experience will empower the Board's objectives . Their understanding of the theoretical and practical challenges of the languages environment will enhance the efforts of the Act. .