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Dear Sir

Re: Public hearings on the Bill [B14 - 2013] on the 20th - 21 August 2013 Parliament of the Republic of South Africa

Firstly, I wish to thank the organizing committee which allowed the public to have their views on the legislation. Sir, kindly accept my submissions concerning the South African Language Practitioners Council Bill.

Questions and Recommendations

Question 1

Page 1 paragraph 3 states that: I quote, "The Bill emphasised the importance of control of practitioners," The Bill,

- Does not state clearly how much will the registration fee be?
- Why should the Language practitioners pay?

According to the constitution of South Africa 1996 Chapter 2, Bill of rights 32 1 a, b.

Everyone should have an access to information.

Any information that is held by another person and that is required for the exercise or protection of any rights.

Question 2

Page 2 paragraph 1.

Would the National Assembly have the final say?

I think other language bodies dealing with languages should always meet and discuss any input concerning the languages, not forgetting all other stakeholders.

For instance:

- Parents
- Language practitioners
- And students themselves

Question 3

- -What is the composition of the SALPC?
- May I please request an organogram of the PALPC.

When searching from the internet I discovered the African Language Bill for Mpumalanga Province.

Question 4

Do we have an African Languages Bill for the Republic of South Africa 2012?

Sir, the minutes of the previous meeting reads thus "not all the absentees had sent written apologies as required."

If a person does not write any apology it shows that:

- (i) She/he does not respect the members of the committee.
- (ii) The person is not 100% committed to his or her work.
- (iii) This could also mean that the person concerned is no longer willing to accept additional responsibilities.

Mr. Xaba states that the translation of the Bill into the official languages could be done.

Question 5

Is the translation already done? If yes, when?

Lastly, I would appreciate to attend the hearing scheduled for 20 – 21 August 2013 at the Republic of South African Parliament.

Thank you

Yours faithfully
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Signed MV MV Mkmanyana