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Chairperson – Select Committee Social Services

**NEGOTIATING MANDATE**

Name of the Bill: **Medicines and Related Substances Amendment Bill**

Number of the Bill: **B6B – 2014**

Date of deliberation: **Monday, 21 September 2015**

Vote of the Legislature: **The Committee Supports the Medicines and Related Substances  
Amendment Bill [B6B – 2014]**

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Signature:  
**Hon F Makatong**  
**(Acting) Chairperson**

Date: 21 September 2015



## NEGOTIATING MANDATE FOR THE MEDICINES AND RELATED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT BILL [B6B-2014]

### (Section 76 Bills)

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Acting Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Health and Social Development, Hon F Makatong tables the Committee's Negotiating mandate on the **Medicines and Related Substances Amendment Bill, [B6B-2014]** as adopted by the Portfolio Committee on **21 September 2015**.

#### 2. PROCESS FOLLOWED

- 2.1 The Speaker of the Northern Cape Provincial Legislature, on receipt, referred the **Medicines and Related Substances Amendment Bill, [B6B-2014]** to the Portfolio Committee on Health and Social Development, on **26 August 2015**.
- 2.2 The Portfolio Committee received a briefing on the Bill on **28 August 2015**, from the Northern Cape's Permanent Delegate to the NCOP, Hon D Stock, and the National Department of Health.
- 2.3 The Portfolio Committee resolved at the meeting of **28 August 2015**, to conduct public hearings on the referred Bill, to solicit the views of communities and stakeholders with regard to the **Medicines and Related Substances Amendment Bill, [B6B-2014]**.

*The Portfolio Committee further called for written submissions via print media and radio.*

A Public Hearing was conducted in the John Taolo Gaetsewe District on **21 September 2015**, as per Committee resolution and both written and oral submissions were called for. The public engaged with the Members of the Provincial Legislature and the Representatives from the National Department of Health in respect of the Bill.

- 2.4 On **21 September 2015**, the Portfolio Committee on Health and Social Development deliberated and considered the **Medicines and Related Substances Amendment Bill, [B6B-2014]**

### 3. GENERAL COMMENTS MADE BY THE PUBLIC

- The Bill should address traditional healers' intellectual property and indigenous knowledge before the appointment of the Board.
- The government must assist in facilitating a benefit sharing agreement between western medicine and traditional processing of medicine.

### 4. WRITTEN INPUTS ON THE BILL

- No written submissions were received.

### 5. KEY DETERMINING PRINCIPLES

The public hearing held by the Portfolio Committee were successful.

***NB: The majority of the people who attended the public hearing supported the Bill.***


### 6. PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE POSITION ON THE BILL

After due deliberation and taking note of the Public's input, the Portfolio Committee on Health and Social Development **supports** the Bill.

### 7. COMMITTEE ADOPTION OF THE BILL

The Committee adopted this Negotiating Mandate duly signed by the *Acting* Chairperson of the Committee.

The Committee recommends to the House to mandate the Permanent Delegates to participate in deliberations at the negotiating stage and to **support** the Bill, taking note of the comments and recommendations raised by the Committee as well as inputs from the public.



**HON F MAKATONG**  
**(Acting) Chairperson: PC on Health**  
**and Social Development**