**4. Report of the** **Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry on the National Gambling Amendment Bill [B 27 – 2018] (National Assembly – sec 76), dated 21 November 2018:**

The Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry, having considered the subject of the ***National Gambling Amendment Bill [B 27 – 2018]*** (National Assembly – sec 76), referred to it and classified by the Joint Tagging Mechanism (JTM) as a section 76 Bill, presents a redraft of the Bill [B 27B – 2018].

1. **Process followed by the Committee on the National Gambling Amendment Bill**
2. The Bill was introduced to Parliament and referred to the Committee on 21 August 2018.
3. On 12 September 2018, the Committee was briefed by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) on the Bill.
4. On 19 September 2018, the Committee released a media statement and called for written submissions, with the statement also being placed on all parliamentary social media platforms, with the closing date for submission, namely 12 October 2018.
5. In terms of the Rules of Parliament, the Committee has the right to approve, reject, amend or redraft any legislation before it.
6. On 16 October 2018, the Committee resolved, with the Democratic Alliance dissenting, that it would only consider the following technical issues:

5.1 The reconfiguration of the National Gambling Board to the National Gambling Regulator and the related clauses.

* 1. Governance challenges as it relates to the National Gambling Policy Council, and the related clauses.
	2. The National Central Electronic Monitoring System and related matters.
1. The Committee further resolved that the substantive matters would be noted in the Committee’s Legacy Report and should be urgently considered in the Sixth Parliament.
2. A communique was sent to stakeholders informing them about the new focus areas for the public hearings on the National Gambling Amendment Bill on 16 October 2018.
3. On 24 and 26 October 2018, the Committee held public hearings on the Bill.
4. Between 30 October and 15 November 2018, the Committee spent five days deliberating on the Bill and formally considered and adopted it on Wednesday, 21 November 2018.
5. No consensus was reached on the majority of clauses of the Bill, as the Democratic Alliance objected to most clauses with the exception of clauses 14 and 32.
6. **Minority views were expressed on the following aspects contained in this report**

The Democratic Alliance was of the view that:

1. The Committee had not sufficiently applied its mind to the different options available in terms of the National Gambling Regulator’s structure and functioning.
2. No Socio-economic Impact Assessment was conducted for the Bill or the National Central Electronic Monitoring System.
3. The Committee’s refusal to consider online gaming to be included on 16 October 2018 was an omission.
4. **Recommendation**

The Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry recommends that the House adopt this report and approve the second reading of the redrafted Bill.

Report to be considered.