

Simplified highlights of the legacy report for mineral resources

These are the most **URGENT** issues for the 6th Parliament to act on:

1. Investment to make mining a sunrise industry

Establish administrative integrity and competence in the Department – a credible licensing system for rights to minerals; clarity on compensation for those impacted by mining and security of tenure – leading to growth and jobs

2. Transformation to build a positive image for mining

Drive transformation by enforcing the new Mining Charter from 1 March 2019 and presenting Parliament with a compliance monitoring model that will work (and including Social and Labour Plans)

3. Protect the environment for the future

Get the several responsible departments to work together so polluters pay and rehabilitate mine sites to assist future generations

4. Compensate workers who are harmed at work

The harmonized compensation system has been delayed unreasonably. This is an injustice to mineworkers who get inferior compensation for lung diseases compared to other sectors.

These are **IMPORTANT** issues hanging over from the work of the committee in the 5th parliament

- i. Continue to rehabilitate D&O mine sites – ideally at a faster rate than 43 per year
- ii. Deal with illegal mining – involve home affairs, police and other departments
- iii. Continue to improve mine safety and reduce the incidence of occupational diseases
- iv. Pay attention to commemorating the sacrifices of mineworkers – especially the graves at Evander and the memorials for the many mine disasters
- v. Support enhanced Research & Development for mining as well as geological mapping and the stakeholder undertakings for Mining Phakisa
- vi. Business Rescue Practitioners and provisional liquidators must not be allowed to deal with mines unless they know about mining.
- vii. Conflicts between the mining, company, insolvency and financial provisions for mine closure laws must be dealt with by the several departments to avoid workers suffering as at Optimum, Koornfontein, Lily mine, Shiva, Blyvoor etc.
- viii. Follow up on the directives of the SA Human Resources Commission to ensure these are implemented by the Department
- ix. Address the need to amend mining legislation – the last mining law passed was in 2010 – health and safety, state diamond trader, MPRDA ... all need attention to be brought up to date with judicial pronouncements and to learn from the lessons of problematic implementation.
- x. Improve annual budget allocations for mineral resources so there are well-skilled people employed to regulate, support and assist mining industry development. [Mining contributes in direct taxes and royalties to the fiscus more than 10 times the budget allocation from Treasury]