**SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS ON THE DRUGS AND DRUG TRAFFICKING AMENDMENT BILL, 2022**

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| **NAME OF INSTITUTION/INDIVIDUAL****COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS** | **RESPONSES** |
| **MASIXOLE MADIKANE**1. There must be strong rewards for members of the public if they spy on the drug dealers and sellers. There needs to be a serious sentence for offenders, and without a bail. People know who sells drugs but are scared and they won’t benefit anything. 2. If government senior officials are also involved (such as from SAPS, justice, metro police and law enforcement) they must be sent to jail. 3. It needs to be a very serious offence in the country that if you are a non-South African citizen, when your sentence is fully served you must leave South Africa. 4. We need to be innovative and smart even though that will be costly. A drug detector machine is needed. If you are within a certain radius, the machine should detect drugs. China can design that machine for us. | 1. SAPS, including Crime Intelligence, have a system to deal with informants. Also, informants may be placed under protection where required. The issue of rewarding the public, generally for information is a matter of policy that is being debated. One of the challenges is that to reward the public to come forward to report crime may discourage people from reporting if there is no reward. There have been tip-offs given to the police, even without a reward. Dealing in drugs is a serious offence, punishable by a fine or up to 25 years imprisonment or both. Bail is a Constitutional right which cannot be denied just because the crime is serious. 2. The law applies equally to everyone. If convicted, a person will be sentenced in accordance with the law. 3. We agree that a person who is in the country illegally should be deported upon serving a sentence.4. The comment about a drug detector machine is noted. This innovation, however, falls outside the scope of this Bill.  |