NORTHER CAPE - NEGOTIATE MANDATE

Response:

1. The Issue raised regarding scammers (pg8)

Response: The Bill puts a duty on inspectors, CEC and members of Council are to prohibit conflict of interest or using of confidential information for personal gain in terms of section 70(1). In addition, clause 62 gives the power to any person to file a complaint for non-compliance with the provision of the Act.

2. Purpose of the Bill (pg12)

Response: To protect housing consumers

The rights of home owner in comparison to the dweller, should be better protected.

Response: The relationship between dwellers and home owners is regulated by the Housing Rental Tribunal and does not fall within the objects of this Bill.

3. Concerns raised regarding owner builder, high Council fees (pg 19)

<u>Response</u>: Registration fees has not been increased since the inception of the current Act in 1998. The economic situation of the country will be considered when determining the fees. Owner Builder now required to register in order to ensure protection to secondary housing consumers.