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1. Referral to Committees of papers tabled

- (1) The following paper is referred to the **Portfolio Committee on Justice and Correctional Services** for consideration and report:
 - (a) Draft Amended Regulations tabled in terms of section 23(2) of the Legal Aid South Africa Act, 2014 (Act No. 39 of 2014).
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National Assembly and National Council of Provinces

1. The Minister of Justice and Correctional Services

- (a) Report and Financial Statements of the South African Board for Sheriffs for 2019-20, including the Report of the Independent Auditors on the Financial Statements and Performance Information for 2019-20.

National Assembly

1. The Speaker

- (a) Letter from the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation dated 29 January 2021, to the Speaker of the National Assembly explaining the reasons for the further delay in the submission of the Annual Report of the Department of Water and Sanitation for the 2019/20 financial year.

Dear Honourable Speaker

**TABLING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION
2019/20 ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(VOTE 36)**

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Yours sincerely

(signed)

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