



SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE
FINAL VOTING MANDATE
ON THE
PREVENTION OF AND TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE BILL
[B12B 2008] – Section 76

16 October 2008

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairperson of the Social Development Portfolio Committee, Mr S Ngwenya, tables the Final Voting Mandate of the Prevention of and Treatment for Substance Abuse Bill [B12B-2008] - Section 76 as follows:

2. PROCESS FOLLOWED

On Thursday, 16 October 2008, the Committee convened a meeting to deliberate and adopt the Final Voting Mandate of the Prevention of and Treatment for Substance Abuse Bill [B12B-2008] - Section 76.

3. INTERACTION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

As part of its constitutional functions and obligation, the Committee conducted a public hearing on the Bill on Monday, 11 August 2008 where both verbal and written submissions were received from various individuals and organisations such as:

- ✦ The Gauteng Drug Abuse Forum
- ✦ SANCA
- ✦ DeafSA

4. PRINCIPLE AND DETAIL OF THE BILL

The Bill seeks to do the following:

- ✦ To provide for a coordinated effort to combat substance abuse,
- ✦ To provide for the conditions for registration of all programmes, including those in treatment centres;

- ✚ To provide for conditions and procedures for the admission of persons to treatment centres and the release of persons from treatment centres;
- ✚ To provide for early intervention, treatment and reintegration programmes for vulnerable persons, and
- ✚ To establish a Central Drug Authority, whose powers and duties are to monitor and oversee the implementation of the National Drug Master Plan

The Social Development Committee therefore supports the principle and detail of the Prevention of and Treatment for Substance Abuse Bill [B12B-2008] - Section 76.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR THE PROVINCE

The National Department indicated that it had considered the financial implications. The Committee highlighted during both the briefing session and the workshop that the costing of the Bill was very conservative and that it was in fact under-budgeted for.

6. FINAL VOTING COMMITTEE POSITION

In terms of Section 65 (1) of the constitution, the Social Development Portfolio Committee recommends that the House confer authority on the Gauteng Provincial Legislature Delegate/s to the National Council of Provinces to **vote in favour** of the Prevention of and Treatment for Substance Abuse Bill [B12B-2008], Section 76

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RESOLUTION

Monday, 20 October 2008

I, the Speaker, Mr R M Mdakane, hereby table the following resolution in terms of Rule 38 (1)

That this House adopts:

the report of the Portfolio Committee on Social Development on the Final Voting Mandate of the following Section 76, Bill as recommended

- 1 Prevention of and Treatment for Substance Abuse Bill [B12B-2008].



PROPOSER: MR R M MDAKANE
SPEAKER