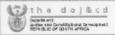
Briefing to the Portfolio Committee on Justice and Constitutional Development: Presentation of Child Justice National Policy Framework, in terms of sections 93 and 96 of Child Justice Act, 2008 (Act No 75 of 2008)

> Department of Justice and Constitutional Development 26 May 2010



DGs ISCCJ GOVERANCE MATTERS

- The DGs ISCCJ has met twice this year
- The first meeting in March concentrated on the mandate and governance of the ISCCJ
- The second meeting on the 19 May was to consider the NPF and the Accreditation Framework for Diversion
- The DGs ISCCJ agreed on quarterly meetings until the NPF is implemented
- Nominations for the secretariat were received from the Department of Justice and the NPA



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The National Policy Framework

THE DGs ISCCJ must

Develop a National Policy Framework in order to-

- Ensure a uniform, co-ordinated and co-operative approach by all government departments, organs of state and institutions dealing with matters relating to child justice;
- Guide the implementation and administration of this Act;
- Promote co-operation and communication with the nongovernmental sector and civil society in order to ensure effective partnerships for the strengthening of the child justice system; and
- Enhance service delivery as envisaged in this Act by the development of a plan within available resources.

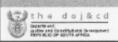


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Outline of Child Justice National Policy Framework



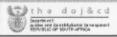
- · The Context and Vision of the Act;
- · Introduction to the National Policy Framework;
- · Objectives of the Policy Framework;
- · Implementing the Child Justice Act:
- · Priorities of the Act:
 - Building capacity in the sector;
 - Ensuring assessment of children;
 - Preliminary Inquiries;
 - Sentencing;
 - Provision of Diversion and Alternative Sentencing Services;
 - Establishment of Child and Youth Care Centres;
 - Establishment of One Stop Child Justice Centres;
 - Resources and Budgets;
 - Public Education and Communication; and
 - Development of necessary IT and IJS-systems to support information management systems.



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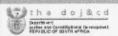


- Roles and Responsibilities of all government departments
- Intersectoral co-ordination mechanisms
- Managing the flow of children through the system
- Monitoring Evaluation and information management
- The Legal Framework
- Conclusion



Section 93(2): The Cabinet member responsible for the administration of justice must-

- Adopt and table the policy framework in Parliament, within two (2) months after the commencement of this Act (i.e., by 31 May 2010);
- Publish the policy framework in the Gazette for public comment two (2) months after it has been tabled in Parliament; (i.e., by 1st August 2010);
 - · Process comments received
- Review the policy framework within three years after its publication and at least once every five years there-after (i.e., by 1st August 2013; and 1st August 2018); and
- Amend the Policy Framework when required, in which case the amendments must be-
 - · Tabled in Parliament and
 - · Published in the Gazette for public comment.



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