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The DA would like to make the following amendments to the Languages Bill

Section 1: Definitions

“Ombudsman” means the final mechanism for ensuring enforcement of this Act.

Section 4: Language Policy

4.2 (b) identify at least **four (Delete: three)** official languages that the national department, national public entity or national public enterprise will use for government purposes. **(Delete: provided that at least two of the official languages identified must be indigenous languages of historically diminished use and status).**

4.2 (f) provide **an ombudsman to serve as** a complaints mechanism to enable members of the public to lodge complaints regarding the use of official languages by a national department, a national public entity or national public enterprise.

Section 11: Institution of Language Ombud (Inserted clause after Section 10)

11. (1) An aggrieved person may seek to enforce any right in terms of this Act, by

(a) referring the matter to the language ombud.

(2) A language ombud is hereby established with the powers and functions to mediate and/or to make a finding in regard to any dispute and/or complaint between/amongst any national government and/or national public entity and/or national public enterprise and/or member of the public or legal entity in regard to any infringement of language right or legitimate expectation created in terms of this Act or the Constitution

(a) the language ombud’s seat will be at the offices of the national language unit of the Department of Arts and Culture created in terms of section 6 hereof.

(b) the minister must regulate the office the language ombud within ninety days from the date of promulgation of this Act through regulations in terms of this Act and the powers and functions of the language ombud will be, after the necessary adjustments, in the absence of any regulation to the contrary, be the same as the Public Protector created in terms of the national legislation.