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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## National Assembly and National Council of Provinces

### The Speaker and the Chairperson

#### 1. Draft Bills submitted in terms of Joint Rule 159

- (1) **Protection of Constitutional Democracy against Terrorist and Related Activities Amendment Bill, 2022**, submitted by the Minister of Police.

Referred to the **Portfolio Committee on Police** and the **Select Committee on Security and Justice**, for information.

## National Assembly

### The Speaker

#### 1. Introduction of Bills

- (1) **The Minister of Police**

- (a) **Protection of Constitutional Democracy against Terrorist and Related Activities Amendment Bill [B15-2022]** (National Assembly – proposed sec 75) [Explanatory summary of Bill and prior notice of its introduction published in *Government Gazette* No 46649 of 1 July 2022.]

Introduction and referral to the **Portfolio Committee on Police** of the National Assembly, as well as referral to the Joint Tagging Mechanism (JTM) for classification in terms of Joint Rule 160.

In terms of Joint Rule 154 written views on the classification of the Bill may be submitted to the JTM. The Bill may only be classified after the expiry of at least three parliamentary working days since introduction.

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# TABLINGS

## National Assembly and National Council of Provinces

### 1. The Minister of International Relations and Cooperation

- (a) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of Cote D'Ivoire and the Government of the Republic of South Africa on Political Consultations (signed 02 December 2021), tabled in terms of section 231(3) of the Constitution, 1996.

### 2. The Minister of Justice and Correctional Services

- (a) Proclamation No R. 71, published in Government Gazette No 46681, dated 8 July 2022: Referral of matters to existing Special Investigating Unit: In respect of the affairs of the Eastern Cape Department of Health, in terms of the Special Investigating Units and Special Tribunals Act, 1996 (Act No 74 of 1996).
- (b) Proclamation No R. 72, published in Government Gazette No 46681, dated 8 July 2022: Referral of matters to existing Special Investigating Unit: In respect of the affairs of the Midvaal Local Municipality, in terms of the Special Investigating Units and Special Tribunals Act, 1996 (Act No 74 of 1996).
- (c) Draft Regulations submitted in terms of section 53 of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Related Matters) Amendment Act, 2007 (Act No 32 of 2007).

### 3. The Minister of Police

- (a) Addendum to the Annual Performance Plan of the South African Police Service for 2022/23.

### 4. The Minister of Water and Sanitation

- (a) Report and Financial Statements of Breede-Gouritz Catchment Management Agency for 2020-21, including the Report of the Independent Auditors on the Financial Statements and Performance Information for 2020-21.

## National Assembly

### 1. The Speaker

- (a) Letter from the Minister of Home Affairs dated 12 July 2022, to the Speaker of the National Assembly explaining the reasons for the further delay in the submission of the Annual Report of the Government Printing Works for 2020-21.

Dear Honourable Speaker,

## **TABLING OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING WORKS (GPW) FOR THE 2021/22 FINANCIAL YEAR IN THE NA**

Government Printing Works (GPW) is a National Government Component reporting to the National Department of Home Affairs (DHA), following the Proclamation in the Government Gazette No 322566, on the 09<sup>th</sup> October 2009, and as referred to in Section 7 (2) and 7 (5) read with Schedule 3 Part A of the Public Service Act, Act no 103 of 1994 (as amended) that operates within the Public Service established by section 197 (1) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa

It was established in 1888 and boasts over 130 years of experience in the printing of state security documents. GPW is mandated to provide printing services to all Organs-of-State in South Africa. It is a self-revenue generating entity as it has not been receiving funding from the National Treasury for the past five years. The Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs provides oversight on GPW's affairs.

GPW experienced a power surge which led to hardware failure on Thursday the 04<sup>th</sup> of February 2021. Failure of a hardware called EVA affected a number of systems because it hosts multiple servers, including those of the tender bulletins, e-Gazettes, financial management system (Dynamics AX system), emails and other technical systems. GPW subsequently lost critical data dating back from November 2019 which was contained in the servers, when this hardware failure occurred. Despite all efforts put in place by GPW management to recover the data such as, amongst others, requesting support from the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM); sourcing external expertise from data recovery specialist companies as well as rigorously searching through all tapes and hardware internally, GPW could not retrieve and restore the required data.

As a consequence, the unavailability of this critical data adversely affected the status of GPW to fulfil its legislative obligation of compiling credible Annual Financial Statements and timeously submitting them to AGSA for auditing.

In terms of Public Management Finance Act of 1999 as amended by Act 29 of 1999, Section 40 reads "PFMA Accounting Officers' reporting responsibilities.

### *1. The Accounting Officer for a department, trading entity or constitutional institution:*

- (a) must keep full and proper records of the financial affairs of the department, trading entity or constitutional institution in accordance with any prescribed norms and standards;*
- (b) must prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with generally recognized accounting practice;*
- (c) must submit those financial statements within two months after the end of the financial year*
  - (i) to: -the Auditor-General for auditing; and*
  - (ii) the relevant treasury to enable that treasury to prepare consolidated financial statements in terms of section 8 or 19;*

- (d) must submit within five months of the end of a financial year to the relevant treasury and, in the case of a department or trading entity, also to the executive authority responsible for that department or trading entity:
    - (i) an annual report on the activities of that department, trading entity or constitutional institution during that financial year;
    - (ii) the financial statements for that financial year after those statements have been audited; and
    - (iii) the Auditor-General's report on those statements;
  - (e) must, in the case of a constitutional institution, submit to Parliament that institution's annual report and financial statements referred to in paragraph (d), and the Auditor-General's report on those statements, within one month after the Accounting Officer received the Auditor-General's audit report; and
  - (f) is responsible for the submission by the department or constitutional institution of all reports, returns, notices and other information to Parliament, the relevant Provincial Legislature, an executive authority, the relevant treasury or the Auditor-General, as may be required by this Act.
2. The Auditor-General must audit the financial statements referred to in subsection (1) (b) and submit an audit report on those statements to the Accounting Officer within two months of receipt of the statements.
3. The annual report and audited financial statements referred to in subsection (1) (d) must:
- (a) fairly present the state of affairs of the department, trading entity or constitutional institution, its business, its financial results, its performance against predetermined objectives and its financial position as at the end of the financial year concerned; and
  - (b) include particulars of:
    - (i) Any material losses through criminal conduct, and any unauthorised expenditure, irregular expenditure and fruitless and wasteful expenditure, that occurred during the financial year;
    - (ii) any criminal or disciplinary steps taken as a result of such losses, unauthorised expenditure, irregular expenditure and fruitless and wasteful expenditure;
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    - (iv) any other matters that may be prescribed.
4. The Accounting Officer of a department must: -
- (a) Each year before the beginning of a financial year provide the relevant treasury in the prescribed format with a breakdown per month of the

*anticipated revenue and expenditure of that department for that financial year;*

- (b) each month submit information in the prescribed format on actual revenue and expenditure for the preceding month and the amounts anticipated for that month in terms of paragraph (a); and*
- (c) within 15 days of the end of each month submit to the relevant treasury and the Executive Authority responsible for that department: -*
  - (i) the information for that month;*
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  - (iii) when necessary, an explanation of any material variances and a summary of the steps that are taken to ensure that the projected expenditure and revenue remain within budget.*

5. *If an Accounting Officer is unable to comply with any of the responsibilities determined for Accounting Officers in this Part, the Accounting Officer must promptly report the inability, together with reasons, to the relevant executive authority and treasury.”*

GPW had previously committed to submitting two sets of Annual Financial Statements by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 and tirelessly worked towards achieving this objective. GPW partially achieved this objective and indeed submitted the first set of Annual Financial Statements for the 2020/21 to the AGSA for auditing on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022. However, GPW suffered yet another system crash in March 2022 at its Bosman campus which led to the collapse of the infrastructure that housed amongst others, the databases with financial information and supporting schedules for the GPW financials, that could have assisted with the compilation of the second set of the 2021/22 Annual Financial Statements.

In view of the above, it should be noted that the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA) should audit the figures for the 2020/21 financial year first before the next set of the 2021/22 financial year is audited. It is against this backdrop that GPW requests to invoke subsection 5 on Section 40 of the PFMA, wherein GPW requests an extension to submit the second set of the 2021/22 Annual Financial Statements on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022, in order to allow the audit process for the 2020/21 financial year to be concluded. The audited baselines for the 2020/21 AFS, would serve as opening balances for the 2021/22 financial year audit.

In response to the above incidents, the following actions have been taken:

- The GPW's CEO requested an assessment of the entire ICT infrastructure and systems by State Security Agency (SSA). It must be stated that around December 2021, the SSA officials started with their work but had to halt this operation for security reasons and immediately left GPW premises. This was due to the fact that when they started the scanning of the ICT environment and connected their gadgets in the server room in Visagie Office within GPW premises, the following day when the SSA officials came to assess how far the scanning had gone, they found that their gadget had been disconnected from the socket where they had plugged it into. An immediate investigation

was conducted and concluded by GPW and a report was submitted to SSA. A further request was made to SSA management for their officials to return to GPW to conclude the scanning and assessment of GPW. SSA returned and concluded their scanning and assessment and subsequently submitted a report in May 2022, for implementation of their recommendations.

- Additional storage and back up hardware and servers have already been brought to the GPW's ICT environment and the ICT management team has been given clear instructions to ensure daily, weekly, monthly and quarterly back up, to ensure data protection and enable business operations. They have also been instructed to restore the backed up systems and data, and test the back-up tapes regularly to ensure business continuity.
- A forensic investigation is in the process of being undertaken to determine the real causes of the system crashes and data losses, in order to implement recommendations, and to take further actions to ensure stability and business continuity.
- War room meetings continue to be held jointly with the Department of Home Affairs and SITA on a weekly basis in order to provide support to GPW's stability and business continuity objective.
- Consequence management has already been instituted against the entire ICT management team, which saw the immediate precautionary suspension of an official, pending the outcome of further investigations into this matter.
- A Turn-around Strategy and Action Plan has been developed by GPW management and is being discussed with AGSA to support GPW in its mission to recovery and ability to submit future Annual Financial Statements timeously.

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Yours sincerely,

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