

NORTH WEST PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS ON NATIONAL HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL 2017 AND NATIONAL LAND TRANSPORT AMENDMENT BILL 2016

On Wednesday, 05 September 2018, the North West Provincial Legislature's Portfolio Committee on Health and Social Development and Portfolio Committee on Public Works, Roads, Transport and Community Safety will be conducting public hearings on National Health Laboratory Service Amendment Bill 2017 and the National Land Transport Amendment Bill 2016 at Embassy Hall in Mahikeng; Tshing Community Hall in Ext. 5, Ventersdorp; Ipelegeng Community Hall in Schweizer-Reneke and Tlhabane Community Hall near Rustenburg at 10h00.

The **National Health Laboratory Service Amendment Bill 2017** aims to amend the National Health Laboratory Service Act, 2000, so as to define certain expression and to amend or delete certain definitions; to make the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000, applicable to the National Health Laboratory Service; to adjust the objects and duties of the National Health Laboratory Service; and to strengthen the governance and funding mechanism of the National Health Laboratory Service; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

The **National Land Transport Amendment Bill 2016** seeks to amend the National Land Transport Act, 2009, to insert certain definitions and amend others; to provide for non-motorised and accessible transport and to bring the Act up to date with developments since the implementation of the Act. It also aims to provide for certain powers of provinces to conclude contracts for

public transport services; to expand the powers of the Minister to make regulations and introduce safety measures; to prescribe criteria and requirements for municipalities to enter into contracts for public transport services; to amend other transport-related legislation to bring it into line with the Act; and to clarify or simplify various provisions or solve problems that have arisen since the implementation of the Act; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

Relevant stakeholders have been invited to attend the public hearing.

Members of the media are invited to attend the public hearings and can contact Namhla Luhabe on 079 527 0628 for further information.

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