

## HAVE YOUR SAY

### Invitation for public comment

#### **Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Related Matters) Amendment Act Amendment Bill [B18-2014]**

The Portfolio Committee on Justice and Correctional Services invites interested persons and stakeholders to submit written comment on the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Related Matters) Amendment Act Amendment Bill [B18-2014].

The Bill seeks to amend the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Related Matters) Amendment Act, 2007, so as to ensure that children of certain ages are not held criminally liable for engaging in consensual sexual acts with each other; to give presiding officers discretion in order to decide in individual cases whether the particulars of children should be included in the National Register for Sex Offenders or not; to provide for a procedure in terms of which certain persons may apply for the removal; of their particulars from the National Register for Sex Offenders; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

Written submissions addressed to the Portfolio Committee on Justice and Correctional Services, should be directed to the Committee Secretary, Cindy Balie, and may be posted to PO Box 15, Cape Town, 8000; emailed to [cbalie@parliament.gov.za](mailto:cbalie@parliament.gov.za); or faxed to 086 665 5444. Kindly indicate your interest in making a verbal presentation to the Committee.

The closing date for submissions is at 12h00 on Tuesday, 3 February 2015.

Additional information and copies of the Bill may be obtained from the Committee Secretary who may be reached via email or on 021-403 3667 or 083 547 4115.

**Issued by Dr Mathole Motshekga, MP, Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Justice and Correctional Services**