

## LEGACY REPORT FOR JOINT RULES COMMITTEE OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT

### A. Achievements:

- 1) Establishment of the Joint Standing Committee on Financial Management of Parliament.
- 2) Amendment to the membership of the Standing Committee on Defence. The membership was reduced from 36 to 13 members, with the NA and NCOP components consisting of 9 and 4 members, respectively.
- 3) Formulation of Rules regarding disruptions during Joint Sittings. Joint Rule 14GA provides for the removal of a member from the Chamber.
- 4) Formula for international travel by parliamentary delegations. Parliamentary groups travelling abroad are currently implementing the formula. The JRC confirmed the formula on 24 October 2018.
- 5) Public Participation Model.

### B. Matters outstanding:

- 1) **High Level Panel Report on the assessment of legislation and the acceleration of fundamental change:** The HLP Report has been finalised and submitted to Parliament. The JRC established a subcommittee to consider how Parliament should process the report and its recommendations. The recommendations have been referred to affected Portfolio and Select Committees. The Committees were requested to report by 28 September 2018 on whether the recommendations referred to them could be processed in the short, medium or long term. A report was received on 24 October 2018, which provided information on the committees that had considered the HLP Report recommendations relevant to their portfolios. The Sixth Parliament will have to engage with the reports of the parliamentary committees in respect of the processing of the HLP recommendations.
- 2) **Review of Parliament's international relations policy:** The matter was referred to the Parliamentary Group on International Relations (PGIR) for consideration and report on 28 August 2014. The PGIR is still to submit the review of the international relations policy.

- 3) **Language Policy of Parliament:** This was a legacy item of the 4<sup>th</sup> Parliament which was referred to the 5<sup>th</sup> Parliament for consideration. A Task Team was established to review the Language Policy of Parliament. The Task Team has not finalised the matter and it should be a matter for consideration by the Sixth Parliament.
  
- 4) **Review of the Joint Rules of Parliament:** On 1 September 2016, the co-chairpersons of the JRC requested the Subcommittee on the Review of Joint Rules to initiate the Review of the Joint Rules. The Subcommittee submitted proposed amendments to Chapters 1 to 2A of the Joint Rules, for the JRC's consideration. Parties were requested to make inputs on the proposed amendments. The Leader of Government Business made an input regarding the Office of the LOGB and its role towards both Houses of Parliament. The Subcommittee faced challenges in scheduling meetings.

The review of Joint Rules and other matters that were specifically referred, namely the mandates of the Constitutional Review Committee and the Joint Committee on Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation, will be referred to the next Parliament for finalisation.