

### **3. Joint Rules applicable to Virtual or Hybrid Joint Committee Meetings made in terms of Joint Rule 2 (Unforeseen matters)**

Joint Rule 2 of the Joint Rules of Parliament provides that the Speaker and Chairperson of the Council, acting jointly, may give a ruling or make a rule in respect of any matter for which the Joint Rules do not provide, having due regard to the procedures, precedents, practices and conventions developed by both Houses and on the basis of constitutional values and principles underpinning an open, accountable and democratic society. A rule framed by the Speaker and Chairperson, acting jointly, remains in force until a meeting of the Joint Rules Committee has decided on it.

Pursuant to Joint Rule 2 of the Joint Rules, the Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces and the Speaker of the National Assembly have made the following Rules to enable the National Council of Provinces and the National Assembly joint committees to conduct virtual or hybrid committee meetings.

#### **Part A - Application of Rule**

These Rules apply to hybrid and virtual meetings of joint committees of the National Assembly and the National Council of Provinces.

#### **Part B - Venue**

The venue of a virtual or hybrid joint committee meeting shall be deemed to be Cape Town, the seat of Parliament.

#### **Part C - Papers**

In terms of these Rules, all papers of the hybrid or virtual joint committee meeting shall be distributed by electronic means to which committee members have access.

#### **Part D - Privilege and application of Joint Rules in hybrid or virtual joint committee meetings**

In a virtual or hybrid meeting –

- (a) joint committee members shall have the same powers, privileges and immunities which they ordinarily enjoy in parliamentary proceedings; and
- (b) the Joint Rules shall apply.

#### **Part E - Presiding Officers**

In a virtual or hybrid joint committee meeting, the co-chairpersons of a joint committee shall have all the powers as provided for in the Joint Rules.

#### **Part F - Quorum**

In a virtual or hybrid joint committee meeting –

- (a) the quorum requirements shall be those as determined by the Joint Rules; and

- (b) for the purposes of determining a quorum, all joint committee members who have logged in and those who are physically present in the Committee room shall be deemed to be present for purposes of establishing a quorum.

### **Part G - Voting**

In a virtual or hybrid joint committee meeting –

- (a) members shall be entitled to cast their votes either electronically, by voice or by having their vote recorded by their respective whips;
- (b) the procedure to be followed is predetermined by the co-chairpersons, and directives are announced by the co-chairpersons;
- (c) only members who are present when a vote is called shall be permitted to vote;
- (d) the results of a vote are announced and, where possible, the names of members and how they voted are recorded in the Minutes of the meeting; and
- (e) members must ensure that their votes are correctly recorded.

### **Part H – Public Access**

Access to hybrid or virtual joint committee meetings shall be facilitated in a manner consistent with participatory and representative democracy and, wherever possible, a virtual or hybrid joint committee meeting must be livestreamed.

## **TABLINGS**

### **National Assembly and National Council of Provinces**

#### **1. The Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation**

- (a) Addendum (Revised) Business Plan of Amatola Water for 2020/21 – 2024/25.
- (b) Revised Annual Performance Plan of the National Home Builders Registration Council for 2020/21.
- (c) Revised Annual Performance Plan of the Estate Agency Affairs Board for 2020/21.
- (d) Revised Annual Performance Plan of the Social Housing Regulatory Authority for 2020/21.
- (e) Revised Annual Performance Plan of the Community Scheme Ombud Services for 2020/21 – 2022/23.

#### **2. The Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture**

- (a) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Cuba on Cooperation in the Fields of Sport and Recreation (signed 23 October 2013), tabled in terms of section 231(3) of the Constitution, 1996.