



FREE STATE LEGISLATURE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

Report on the negotiating mandate regarding Rental Housing Amendment.

[B30B-2007]

1. **Terms of Reference**

The **Rental Housing Amendment Bill [B30B - 2007]** has been referred to the **Local Government and Housing Committee** by the **Speaker** on the 22 June 2007.

2. **Briefing**

- (1) On the 23 October 2007, Mr D Worth, the Permanent Delegate, briefed the Committee on the content of the Bill.
- (2) The legal advisor, Adv T Malakoane, briefed the Committee on the legal aspects of the Bill.

3. **Consultation**

The Committee considered the scope of consultation on the Bill and resolved that:

Public Hearings be conducted as follows:

30 October 2007

10H00

Zamdela Community Hall
Fezile Dabi District)

31 October 2007	10H00	Kutlwanong Community Hall (Lejweleputswa District)
01 November 2007	10H00	Chamber: Fourth Raadsaal (Motheo District)

4. CONSIDERATION

The Committee considered the Bill, inputs and information received. The Portfolio Committee noted the inputs by the general public and further considered the Bill as follows:

- a) In future hearings must be preceded by workshops or public education to empower communities to make meaningful and quality inputs. All Bills must be translated into various languages.

Clause 1

To add a new section 1A

To add a new section after section in order to provide for exclusion of RDP houses from rentals.

Motivation: Other people rent out RDP houses as a means for earning income or business and this practice must be stopped.

Clause 2

- (a) There should a valuation system to guide prices charged for rental as tenants are charged unreasonable for rental housing.

- (b) Accommodation must be adapted accordingly for the disabled tenants for a percentage or portion of each building intended for rental housing; and

Clause 3

To amend section 5(3) (o) to provide notices must be served by both landlord (who intends to evict the tenant) and similarly the tenant (who is willingly vacates the rented dwelling must serve the lord with a notice of vacation);

General Comments

- (a) When the property is sold preference must be given to the tenants first before it is advertised for other potential buyers.
- b) In future the processing of the Bill must be delayed to allow further consultations and discussions;
- (c) In future hearings must be preceded by workshops or public education to empower communities to make meaningful and quality inputs. All Bills must be translated into various languages.
- (d) In future the processing of the Bill must be delayed to allow further consultations and discussions;
- (e) Where possible, when the property is sold preference must be given to the tenants first before it is advertised for other potential buyers;

5. Resolution

The Committee resolved that:

- (a) Authority be conferred to the Free State Delegation, to vote for the adoption of the Bill with the aforementioned inputs and considerations.



Mr. M. Dukwana
Speaker
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06 November 2007