

**SALGA PARLIAMENTARY LIAISON OFFICE**  
**PARLIAMENTARY BRIEFING UPDATE 40/ 2012 (17 FEBRUARY 2012)**

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<b>14 FEB</b>	<b>PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT</b> [Briefing by the Department of Transport on their strat plan and activities for 2012]	<p>The department presented its strategic plan which consists of 7 Programme Areas, namely: Administration; Integrated Transport Planning; Rail Transport; Road Transport; Civil Aviation; Maritime Transport; and Public Transport.</p> <p>Integrated transport planning involves macro sector planning which examines the use of land for transport in all spheres of government from a multimodal perspective to provide guidance on future investments. This manages, coordinates and facilitates the implementation of the planning provisions contained in the National Land Transport Act, 2009.</p> <p>The road transport programme seeks to regulate road traffic management. The other aspect of Road transport is Road Infrastructure and Industry Development which aims to manage maintenance and preservation of road network. This includes the “S’hamba Sonke Road Programme” which will also create jobs through maintenance of secondary road network. The Road Transport Programme also seeks to assist 21 District Municipalities in developing non-motorised infrastructure and facilities. The challenges expressed by the department with regards to this programme is the alignment of efforts with agencies (e.g. SANRAL) as well as full compliance by provinces with S’hamba Sonke Guidelines.</p> <p>During discussions, Members expressed the need to prioritise development of rural roads. They criticised the department’s approach of upgrading roads based on the number of cars</p>	

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		that use the particular road (which is 200 cars).	
14 FEB	<b>SELECT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b> (Briefing by the Department of Energy (DoE), SALGA and ESKOM on progress relating to Integrated National Electrification Programme - INEP)	<p>The Department of Energy and SALGA briefed the committee on progress relating to implementation of INEP in the presence of ESKOM.</p> <p>The department gave an overview of MTEF allocations for the period of 2010/11 – 2013/14. They also reported on progress relating to connections to date as well as future projections. There are various funded municipal and Eskom Infrastructure projects relating to the building of new substations, upgrading of existing substations and interconnecting High Voltage. Eskom has 42 projects under construction, mostly in KZN and EC, which are in different stages of completion, but should be done over the next 6 months. Municipalities have 45 projects under construction, also in various stages of completion, and should be done over the next 12 months. There are special interventions which include Island formations in KZN. Other flagship interventions are taking place in areas where there was no infrastructure or very poor infrastructure, e.g. Engcobo, uMsinga, Maluti-a-Phofung, Masibambisane Rural Development Initiative, King Sabata Dalindyebo.</p> <p>Some of the challenges highlighted by the department are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Municipalities do not report on a regular basis</li> <li>- The majority of municipalities are not performing as required in the contract - Internal procurement processes take too long</li> <li>- Municipalities use electrification funds to do upgrading of existing networks, when it is intended for new electrification</li> <li>- Municipalities sign contracts with the Department for connections, and projects are changed without notification, or connections are reduced due to cost</li> <li>- Eskom and municipality performance is decreasing due to twice above inflation rate increases of electrification costs</li> </ul>	

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		<p>As a way forward, the department suggested that challenges of EDI need to be addressed urgently. INEP capacity in terms of human resources should be strengthened in order to render required assistance to struggling municipalities. There needs to be tighter control over performance of municipalities leading to withdrawal of funds if they're not utilised correctly. The department will host a National Electrification Indaba on 15-16 March 2012, Durban.</p> <p>SALGA also gave an overview of performance of INEP. <b>INEP Rural</b> has 75% backlogs, which is largely in areas where Eskom is a licensed distributor. <b>INEP Urban</b> has a fraction of 25% backlog, and is largely in areas in which 177 municipalities are licensed distributors. The requirement for 80% occupancy of housing development is a delaying factor in electrifying projects by municipalities. <b>INEP Informal Settlements</b> has a significant component of the remaining 25% backlog. The numbers of informal settlements are increasing with a consequent requirement for 'regularisation' (including electrification) of these areas. SALGA identified the following challenges in respect of INEP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inequitable funding from DoE: It is DoE policy to partially fund electrification connections by municipalities (urban and rural subsidies) but provide full cost of connections provided by Eskom. Municipalities are thus required to 'top-up' funding of electrification projects which impacts on the overall municipal budget.</li> <li>• Funding application process is not aligned with the municipal budgeting process, and the Department funding period. National Treasury only release funding to municipalities on 1 July of each year. This means that municipalities only have 9 months to deliver projects in the Departmental funding period, unless they have bridging finance. However, bridging finance goes against MFMA, so sometimes municipalities are forced to go against this in order to provide services.</li> <li>• Bulk infrastructure is a frequent cause of delay in the electrification of projects. There is a misalignment between Eskom infrastructure and municipal development plans, which can be resolved by ensuring that Eskom gets involved in the IDP process.</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MFMA procurement process: Many municipalities point to the drawn out procurement process to appoint consultants and purchase the necessary equipment and materials as reasons for the delay in completing electrification projects.</li> </ul> <p>During discussions, the Department acknowledged that a new approach is needed, and that one thing that could be done differently is that municipalities could use their collective bargaining power to purchase as a group, to bring prices down, rather than to purchase individually. The Department also said that 'mega-projects' shouldn't run on annual budgets but rather over a couple of years.</p> <p>The committee recommended that a plan with time frames needs to be developed for addressing backlogs before new plans are put in place. Also, it was said that DBSA should play a greater role as a development instrument. The planned Indaba should be inclusive and should come up with a new approach for electrification in South Africa.</p>	
14 FEB	<b>PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON COGTA</b> (Briefing by the DCoG on the Anti-Corruption Inspectorate and progress on LGTAS)	<p>DCoG briefed the committee on progress with regards to LGTAS and the work of Anti-Corruption Inspectorate.</p> <p>A total of 213 municipalities have developed their turn-around strategies. MTAS developed per province: KZN = 60; Mpumalanga = 18; Gauteng = 11; NWest = 6; FState = 10; Limpopo = 30; NCape = 23; WCape = 22; ECape = 33. In implementing LGTAS going forward, DCoG in consultation with Provinces has identified 105 municipalities, where an intergovernmental and a differentiated approach will be followed to support these municipalities, including corresponding Traditional Councils.</p> <p>Regarding Anti-Corruption Inspectorate, DCoG reported that the Inspectorate have limitations as it does not have the mandate to investigate corruption. The Inspectorate has also failed to develop partnership agreements with agencies mandated to investigate</p>	

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		<p>corruption. Furthermore, the function presented duplications with other already well established corruption agencies in government, such as, the Special Investigating Unit, Independent Complaints Directorate, the Ministry of Police, and chapter 8 &amp; 9 institutions. The conclusion therefore, is that the Inspectorate in its current form will not address corruption and related matters.</p> <p>The existence of Anti-Corruption unit within DCoG is justifiable. The available intelligence suggests that corruption within some municipalities continues to be a daily occurrence and this poses a serious threat to good governance, service delivery and ultimately stability in local government. The approach of the unit will now change and focus on coordinating government-wide anti-corruption initiatives in conjunction with all relevant stakeholders, and will be guided by the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Focus on prevention of corruption through the promotion of professional ethics, and enforcement of codes of conduct.</li> <li>- Initiate programmes and projects targeting 100 municipalities identified for support by the DCoG as well as those identified in the Auditor General's report.</li> <li>- Establish an effective model of partnership with the multi-agencies mandated to investigate.</li> <li>- Initiation of joint Protocols with sector Departments such as Education, DPSA and other stakeholders to ensure that public education and awareness programmes are aligned and implemented throughout sectors.</li> <li>- Strengthen CoGTA's role in monitoring and evaluation.</li> </ul>	
15 FEB	<b>PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH</b> (Briefing by Department of Health on the National Health Amendment (NHA) Bill 24 - 2011)	The main purpose of the Bill is to empower the Minister of Health to establish an Office of Health Standards Compliance. This Office will advise the Minister on the development and implementation of enforceable norms and standards for quality and safety in all health establishments. It will also ensure compliance with the prescribed norms and standards as well as address complaints relating to standards against health establishments. The	Given the fact that local government is also a health service provider, this Bill will be applicable to the local sphere. There are also financial implications as health establishments will be required to pay for services rendered by the Office of Health Standards Compliance.

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		<p>Minister views the establishment of this Office as a precursor to National Health Insurance.</p> <p>The Office of Health Standards Operations will resemble the best practice model of the British independent quality care commission which is responsible for health quality control. The department has sent 20 people to the British commission for inspection training. The Office will have 3 units, namely: Inspectorate, Ombud, and Certification. The Inspectorate unit will conduct inspections in all health establishments in the country (public &amp; private).</p> <p>The committee requested to have a further engagement on the Bill with the Department, in order to fully understand it and thereby own it and be able to sell it to parliament.</p>	<p>The Directorate responsible for <b>Community Development and IGR</b> should therefore interrogate this Bill closely.</p>
15 FEB	<p><b>PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LAND AFFAIRS</b> (Briefing by Department of Rural Development and Land Reform (RDLR) on the complaint by Thornhill Development Forum of ward 7 in Kouga municipality, Eastern Cape)</p>	<p>The RDLR department appeared before the committee to respond to the complaint that was submitted to the Chairperson of the Committee by the Thornhill Development Forum. In its submission, the Forum raised concerns about the department's approach with regards to rural development, as well as lack of consultation and community participation in development projects taking place in the area.</p> <p>In response to the submission the department presented a Report on the Crossways Farm Village Project in which the Forum had also raised concerns on. The department reiterated its mission, which is to initiate, facilitate, coordinate, catalyze and implement an integrated rural development programme. The department indicated that Kouga municipality confirmed support for the development in the area. About 21 young people have been recruited from the Kouga area to be part of the Youth Empowerment Programme, which is a skills development programme focusing on rural development and agriculture.</p> <p>The committee urged the department to improve communication channels. The committee suggested that the concerned parties should engage further in order to reach a solution on their differences.</p>	

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15 FEB	<b>PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION</b> [Briefing by Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) on the Single Public Service (SPS)]	<p>DPSA gave update on the issue of Single Public Service. The broad goal of establishing a single public service is to harmonize and align the administration of the machinery of state across the three spheres, in order to achieve coordinated and improved public administration.</p> <p>Post Cabinet decision of 31 May 2006, the SPS was implemented in terms of 5 pillars:- Legislative Framework for SPS; Service delivery: access and infusing Batho Pele to local government; Human resource management and development; Anti-corruption; and ICT enablement of the SPS. Some of the projects that were undertaken include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Study on the cost implications of developing an appropriate and cost-effective remuneration, grading and conditions of service dispensation for the SPS, was undertaken</li> <li>- Draft Remuneration Framework developed</li> <li>- Study on the design of a framework of common norms and standards for HRM&amp;D undertaken</li> <li>- Draft Framework of Anti-corruption norms and standards and draft implementation guideline developed</li> <li>- GIS established and Access studies undertaken</li> <li>- Batho Pele Change Management Engagement Programme taken to Local Government</li> <li>- Strengthening of the Thusong Programme and Pilot Urban Mall project underway.</li> </ul> <p>The SPS Bill will undergo the usual legislative making process before it is introduced in parliament. As part of this process, the legal drafting team will be revived to include representatives of DPSA, COGTA, National Treasury, SALGA, Presidency and Office of Public Service Commission (observer status), including two external constitutional and labour law experts.</p> <p>During discussions, there was a question of whether the Bill would not conflict with the</p>	<p>Should ensure that SALGA is part of the legal drafting team as reported in parliament.</p>

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		Constitution. The Department responded that it is its intention to work within the framework of the Constitution.	

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (NA) RELEVANT COMMITTEE MEETINGS (FEBRUARY 2012)

### FIRST PARLIAMENTARY TERM

TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2012	WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2012	THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2012	FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2012
<p><b>JOINT MEETING OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT &amp; SELECT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>, (National Assembly and National Council of Provinces), [Briefing by the following departments and entities on the Electricity Distribution Industry (EDI) in South Africa: Department of Energy (DoE), Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA),</p>	<p><b>JOINT MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, SELECT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE &amp; SELECT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS</b>, (National Assembly and National Council of Provinces), [Lock-up Session on the 2012/13 National Budget], Committee Room E249, Second Floor, National Assembly Building, 09:00 – 14:00</p>	<p><b>JOINT MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, SELECT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE &amp; SELECT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS</b>, (National Assembly and National Council of Provinces), [Briefing by the Minister of Finance on the 2012/13 National Budget], Committee Room E249, Second Floor, National Assembly Building, 09:00 – 12:30</p>	<p><b>JOINT MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS &amp; SELECT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS</b>, (National Assembly and National Council of Provinces), [Briefing by the National Treasury on the 2012 Division of Revenue Bill], Committee Room V475, Fourth Floor, Old Assembly Building, 09:00 – 12:30</p>

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<p>National Treasury, ESKOM, South African Local Government Association (SALGA), National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA), Financial and Fiscal Commission (FFC), Association for Electricity Undertakings (AMEU), Vhembe District Municipality, Centlec, Leadership of the former Electricity Distribution Industry Holdings and an expert on the EDI], Committee Room V475, Fourth Floor, Old Assembly Building, <b>09:00 – 13:00 and to reconvene at 17:00 – 19:00</b></p>	<p><b>PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS</b>, (National Assembly), [Briefing by the City of Cape Town on the Recommendations made by the Committee on the Scottsdene challenges (Self-help project) and Netreg challenges (Enhance Extended Discount Benefit Scheme); Briefing by the Department of Human Settlements on Quarterly Report (July to September and October to December)], Committee Room 3, Upper Ground Floor, 90 Plein Street Building, 09:30 – 12:45</p> <p><b>COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE MEMBERS' LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS AND SPECIAL PETITIONS</b>, (National Assembly), [Briefing by Hon L Mazibuko on the Legislative Proposal to introduce measures to ensure full individual security of tenure for people living under communal land tenure; Finalisation on the Legislative Proposal to prohibit contracting between an organ of state in the national sphere of government and companies whose directors are partly-political office bearers of public representatives of political parties (Honourable I O Davidson); Adoption of minutes], Committee Room 3, Upper Ground Floor, 90 Plein Street, 08:00 – 09:00</p>		
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## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES (NCOP) RELEVANT COMMITTEE MEETINGS (FEBRUARY 2012)

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TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2012	WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2012	THURSDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2012	FRIDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2012
<p><b>SELECT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES</b>, (National Council of Provinces), [Presentation by Department of Human Settlements on Audit of housing units as part of the rectification process], Committee Room 1, Upper Ground Floor, 90 Plein Street Building, 10:00 – 13:00</p> <p><b>JOINT MEETING OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT &amp; SELECT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>, (National Assembly and National Council of Provinces), [Briefing by the following departments and entities on the Electricity Distribution Industry (EDI) in South Africa: Department of Energy (DoE), Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA), National Treasury, ESKOM, South African Local Government Association (SALGA), National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA), Financial and Fiscal Commission (FFC), Association for Electricity Undertakings (AMEU), Vhembe District Municipality, Centlec, Leadership of the former Electricity Distribution</p>	<p><b>JOINT MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, SELECT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE &amp; SELECT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS</b>, (National Assembly and National Council of Provinces), [Lock-up Session on the 2012/13 National Budget], Committee Room E249, Second Floor, National Assembly Building, 09:00 – 14:00</p>	<p><b>JOINT MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, SELECT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE &amp; SELECT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS</b>, (National Assembly and National Council of Provinces), [Briefing by the Minister of Finance on the 2012/13 National Budget], Committee Room E249, Second Floor, National Assembly Building, 09:00 – 12:30</p>	<p><b>JOINT MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS &amp; SELECT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS</b>, (National Assembly and National Council of Provinces), [Briefing by the National Treasury on the 2012 Division of Revenue Bill], Committee Room V475, Fourth Floor, Old Assembly Building, 09:00 – 12:30</p>

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Industry Holdings and an expert on the EDI],  
Committee Room V475, Fourth Floor, Old  
Assembly Building, **09:00 – 13:00 and to  
reconvene at 17:00 – 19:00**

## JOINT SITTINGS AND OTHER ENGAGEMENTS

TYPE	DATE	CONTENT	SUGGESTED SALGA INTERVENTION
<b>PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK FOR 2012</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> term: 16 Jan – 23 Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup> term: 9 Apr – 22 June 3 <sup>rd</sup> term: 23 July – 21 Sep 4 <sup>th</sup> term: 8 Oct – 7 Dec	Constituency period: 20 March – 5 April Constituency period: 10-13 April & 25 June – 20 July  Constituency period: 25 September – 5 October Constituency period: 10-14 December	
<b>EASTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE</b>	17 February 6 March	State of the Province Address Provincial Budget Speech	SALGA Eastern Cape should participate
<b>FREE STATE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE</b>	1 March	Provincial Budget Speech	SALGA Free State should participate
<b>GAUTENG PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE</b>	20 February 6 March	State of the Province Address Provincial Budget Speech	SALGA Gauteng should participate

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<b>KWAZULU NATAL PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE</b>	20 February 21 February 1 March	King Zwelithini 's Address State of the Province Address Provincial Budget Speech	SALGA KZN should participate
<b>LIMPOPO PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE</b>	29 February	Provincial Budget Speech	SALGA Limpopo should participate
<b>MPUMALANGA PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE</b>	24 February 15 March	State of the Province Address Provincial Budget Speech	SALGA Mpumalanga should participate
<b>NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE</b>	17 February 7 March	State of the Province Address Provincial Budget Speech	SALGA Northern Cape should participate
<b>NORTH-WEST PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE</b>	17 February 6 March	State of the Province Address Provincial Budget Speech	SALGA North-West should participate
<b>WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT</b>	17 February 1 March	State of the Province Address Provincial Budget Speech	SALGA Western Cape should participate
<b>NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY</b>	22 February	Budget Speech	SALGA should attend
<b>QUESTIONS TO PEACE &amp; SECURITY CLUSTER</b> (Include amongst others Police; Justice & Constitutional Development; International Relations & Cooperation; State Security)	22 February	<i>Deadline for Submission of Questions to Cluster 1 - Peace and Security, for plenary scheduled for 6 March</i>	SALGA can prepare and submit questions for the Ministries under this cluster
<b>JOINT MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND SELECT COMMITTEE</b>	22 February	Lock-up session on the 2012/13 National Budget	SALGA should attend – political representation required

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<b>ON FINANCE</b>			
<b>JOINT MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND SELECT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE</b>	23 February	Briefing by the Minister of Finance on the 2012/13 National Budget	SALGA should attend – political representation required
<b>QUESTIONS TO DEPUTY PRESIDENT</b>	24 February	<i>Deadline for Submission of Questions to the Deputy President for plenary scheduled for 8 March</i>	SALGA should prepare and submit questions for the Deputy President
<b>CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE WORKSHOP</b>	24 February	Workshop with the National House of Traditional Leaders on issues of Traditional leadership	SALGA should attend – political representation required
<b>MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS</b>	24 February	Briefing by National Treasury on the 2012 Division of Revenue Bill	SALGA should attend – political representation required
<b>SELECT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND SELECT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE</b>	28-29 February	Public Hearings on the Fiscal Framework and Revenue Proposals	SALGA should participate and present an input – Economic Development & Planning Directorate should prepare the input
<b>NCOP PLENARY</b>	6 March	Questions to Peace and Security Cluster	If SALGA has submitted questions political representation is required
<b>NCOP PLENARY</b>	7 March	Debate on Fiscal Framework and Revenue Proposals	SALGA should participate. Economic Development & Planning Directorate should prepare submission for this debate – only political representation required
<b>NCOP PLENARY</b>	8 March	Questions to Deputy President	If SALGA has submitted questions, political representation is required

## MOST RELEVANT POLICY / LEGISLATION

NAME OF BILL / REGULATIONS	STATUS	SALGA INTERVENTION
Rental Housing Amendment Bill [B 21 – 2011]	Before the Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements. The Committee to apply to NA for redrafting of the Bill as it has proposed substantial amendments to the Bill.	
Protection of State Information Bill [B6B - 2010]	The National Assembly passed the Bill and is with the NCOP. NCOP Ad Hoc Committee on State Information Bill conducting public hearings on the Bill in the provinces from 31 Jan to 01 March 2012.	
National Health Amendment Bill [B24 – 2011]	On 15 February 2012, the Department of Health briefed the Portfolio Committee on Health on the Bill. Further engagement between the committee and the department will be arranged.	

## APPROVED LOCAL TRIPS

COMMITTEE	DATE	DESTINATION	PURPOSE

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