

## GENERAL NOTICE

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### NOTICE 312 OF 2010

#### DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LAND REFORM

#### **PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE BLACK AUTHORITIES ACT REPEAL BILL, 2009**

The Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform hereby gives notice in terms of Rule 241(1)(b) of the Rules of the National Assembly of Parliament that he intends to introduce the Black Authorities Act Repeal Bill, 2009 in the National Assembly in 2010 and, in accordance with Rule 241(1)(c) of such Rules, publishes an explanatory summary of the Bill.

The Bill seeks to repeal the entire Black Authorities Act, 1951 (Act No. 68 of 1951) ("the Act") which provides for the establishment of certain Black authorities and defines their functions.

The Act was a legislative cornerstone of apartheid by means of which Black people were controlled and dehumanized, and is reminiscent of past division and discrimination. The provisions of the Act are both obsolete and repugnant to the values and human rights enshrined in the Constitution.

The proposed repeal is also in line with the investigation and report of the South African Law Reform Commission on obsolete and redundant legislative provisions, which report was adopted by the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development.

Copies of the Bill and the Memorandum on the Objects of the Bill can be obtained from :

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