

BOARD NOTICE 51 OF 2005**DITSEBISO TSA LEKGOTLA • RAADSKENNISGEWINGS • IZAZISO ZEBHODI
BOARD NOTICES****PUBLICATION OF A BOARD NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 11(7) OF THE PAN SOUTH AFRICAN LANGUAGE BOARD ACT, 1995 (ACT No. 59 of 1995)**

1. WHEREAS THE KRUGERSDORP DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL UNION and Mrs H Hattingh lodged complaints with the Pan South African Language Board (the Board) to the effect the Department of Provincial and Local Government had issued a piece of legislation, the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004, in other official languages than Afrikaans;
2. AND WHEREAS the application of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004, affects a very wide range of property owners across the language spectrum, it was the complainants' contention that their language rights were drastically affected:
3. AND WHEREAS THE BOARD investigated the complaint in terms of Section 11(4) of the Pan South African Language Board Act, 1995, and it was found that there was a violation of a language right based on the submissions made to the PanSALB Hearing Committee:
4. NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD makes the following ruling:
 - (a) that it is acknowledged that there are serious practical problems within the Department of Provincial and Local Government in providing legislation in more than one official language because of the inherent implications of whatever language is chosen;
 - (b) that a progress report on the development of a language policy encompassing, amongst others, the publication of legislation should be submitted by the Department of Provincial and Local Government to the Board not later than the last day of August 2005; and
 - (c) that the Key Information Brochures which was being developed by the Department of Provincial and Local Government in terms of the language groupings as categorised and listed in the National Language Policy Framework should be made available to the complainants and the Board not later than the last day of July 2005.

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