
GENERAL NOTICES

NOTICE 682 OF 2010

PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE CIVILIAN SECRETARIAT FOR POLICE BILL, 2010

The Minister of Police intends introducing the Civilian Secretariat for Police Bill in Parliament during July 2010. Notice of its introduction and an explanatory summary of the Bill are hereby published in accordance with Rules 241(1)(b) and 241(1)(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.

The Bill responds to the imperative of section 208 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa ("the Constitution") that requires the establishment of a civilian secretariat for the police service by national legislation to function under the direction of the Cabinet member responsible for policing.

The Civilian Secretariat of Police Bill, 2010 ("the Bill") seeks to establish the Civilian Secretariat for the Police ("the Secretariat") as required by section 208 of the Constitution, to provide it with the necessary powers and functions to exercise and perform civilian oversight over the South African Police Service ("the Service")..

In summary, the Bill seeks -

- (a) To provide for the establishment of a single Civilian Secretariat for the police service in the Republic that is structured to function separately from the South African Police Service;
- (b) To define the objects, functions and powers of the Secretariat;

- (c) To align the operations of the Secretariat at the national and provincial spheres of government and reorganize the Secretariat into an effective and efficient organ of state;
- (d) To regulate the appointment, duties and functions, powers and the removal from office of the Secretary for the police and the heads of provincial secretariats;
- (e) To provide for the establishment of a senior management Forum and Ministerial Executive Committee;
- (f) To provide for co-operation with the Independent Police Investigative Directorate;
- (g) To provide for intervention into the affairs of provincial secretariats by the Civilian Secretariat;
- (h) To repeal the existing provisions relating to Ministerial Services contained in the South African Police Service Act, 1995 (Act No 68 of 1995): and
- (i) To provide for transitional arrangements and other matters.

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

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