
GENERAL NOTICE

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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AFFAIRS

PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF PROVISION OF LAND AND ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT BILL, 2008

The Minister for Agriculture and Land Affairs intends to introduce the Provision of Land and Assistance Amendment Bill, 2008, in the National Assembly in 2008. An explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 241(1)(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.

The Bill seeks to resolve certain interpretation problems and critical deficiencies in the Provision of Land and Assistance Act, 1993 (Act No. 126 of 1993) ("the Act").

For that purpose a new section is inserted in the Act stipulating the objects of the Act. Ministerial powers to acquire movable and immovable property, economic enterprises and shares in or the right, title or interest in or to juristic persons, to grant financial assistance for the acquisition, planning, development or improvement of various types of property, including economic enterprises, and to make regulations are clarified and extended in the process.

Because of the proposed amendments contained in the Bill the ambit of the Act will be substantially changed. It is therefore proposed that the short title of the Act be changed to the "Land Reform: Provision of Land and Assistance Act, 1993" and that the long title thereof be changed to reflect the proposed new objects and contents of the Act.

The proposed amendments are urgently needed to achieve, amongst other things, the land redistribution targets of the Department of Land Affairs, the implementation of the Pro-active Land Acquisition Strategy and other redistribution programmes.

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