

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**NOTICE 1219 OF 2022****INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS
UNLAWFUL ENTRY ON PREMISES BILL, 2022**

1. The Department of Justice and Constitutional Development invites interested parties to submit written comments on the proposed Unlawful Entry on Premises Bill, 2022 (the Bill).
2. The main purpose of the Bill is to repeal and replace the Trespass Act, No. 6 of 1959 ("the Trespass Act") and to prohibit unlawful entry on premises.
3. The Trespass Act has been identified as a piece of colonial/apartheid era legislation as it was originally designed to combat trespass, publications and conduct engendering hostility between certain population groups. The Trespass Act has therefore lost its relevance in our constitutional democracy.
4. The Bill aims to prohibit unlawful entry on premises, and to provide for matters connected therewith. Among other things, it provides for the offence of unlawful entry and the penalties to be imposed if a person is found to be guilty of the offence; the duty to inform an intruder of unlawful entry; the powers of the police and defences to the offence of unlawful entry.
5. A copy of the Bill is available on the website of the Department at <http://www.justice.gov.za>.
6. The comments on the Bill must be submitted to Ms A Botha, on or before 16 September 2022. The contact details are:
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marked for the attention of Ms A Botha; or
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012 406 4632.
7. Further information can be obtained from Ms A Botha at 012 406 4762.