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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE CHILDREN'S AMENDMENT BILL

The Minister of Social Development intends introducing the Children's Amendment Bill in Parliament during July 2006. An explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 241(1)(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly and Rule 186 (10) (b) of the Rules of the National Council of Provinces.

The aim of the Bill is to complete the new Children's Act, 2005 by inserting the provisions that deal with welfare services as delivered by the provinces.

The Bill envisages to -

- (a) further provide for the protection of children;
- (b) provide for partial care of children;
- (c) provide for early childhood development, prevention and early intervention services, foster care, child and youth care centres, shelters and drop-in centres and for children in alternative care; and
- (d) create certain new offences relating to children.

Copies of the Bill can be obtained from:

- (a) Government Printer – Cape Town;
 - (b) Ms Lana Petersen, Department of Social Development, 120 Plein Street, Room 1027, Parliament, Cape Town (Tel: 021 – 4650160);
 - (c) Ms Matlhogonolo Sebopela, Department of Social Development, 7th Floor, HSRC Building, 134 Pretorius Street, Pretoria, Tel: (012) 312-7399; and
 - (d) The Bill is also available on the Department of Social Development's website:
www.socdev.gov.za
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