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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT PREVENTION OF AND TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE BILL

The Minister of Social Development intends introducing the Prevention of and Treatment for Substance Abuse Bill in Parliament during February 2008. 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The aim of the draft Bill is to replace the outdated Prevention and Treatment of Drug Dependency Act, 1992 (Act No.20 of 1992).

The draft Bill envisages to -

- (a) ensure a coordinated effort to reduce the supply and demand of substances of abuse;
- (b) regulate the establishment, registration and management of treatment centres, in- and outpatient services, community-based services and halfway houses; and
- (c) establish a Central Drug Authority to monitor and oversee the implementation of the National Drug Master Plan.

Copies of the draft Bill can be obtained from Mr Pierre Viviers, Department of Social Development, 7th Floor, HSRC Building, 134 Pretorius Street, Pretoria, Tel:(012) 312-7783. The draft Bill is also available on the Department of Social Development's website: www.dsd.gov.za.
