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DEPARTMENT OF TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS**NOTICE 228 OF 2017****NOTICE OF INTENDED INTRODUCTION IN PARLIAMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK AMENDMENT BILL, 2017**
(Published in accordance with Rule 241 of the Rules of the National Assembly)

In accordance with Rule 241(1)(b) of the Rules of the National Assembly of the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, notice is hereby given that the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs intends to introduce the Traditional Leadership and Governance Framework Amendment Bill, 2017, in the National Assembly.

In accordance with Rule 241(1)(c) of the said Rules, kindly be informed that this Bill seeks to amend the Traditional Leadership and Governance Framework Act, 2003 (Act No. 41 of 2003)(Framework Act). The main objectives of the Bill are:-

- (a) to make provision for extended timeframes within which kingship or queenship councils have to be established;
- (b) to make provision for extended timeframes within which tribal authorities have to be constituted as traditional councils and within which traditional councils have to be reconstituted;
- (c) to provide for extended timeframes within which community authorities have to be disestablished; and
- (d) to align the term of office of the above-mentioned councils with the term of office of the National House of Traditional Leaders (NHTL).

The term of office of the NHTL expires in August 2017. This means that the traditional councils for example also have to be reconstituted in order to align their term of office with that of the NHTL. However, it would seem that the enabling provision for such reconstitution has lapsed and therefore it has become necessary to urgently extend the timeframes provided for in the Framework Act.

Electronic copies of the Bill and the Memorandum on the Objects of the Bill can be obtained from RinaldiB@coqta.gov.za or TrishaR@coqta.gov.za.

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