



NORTH WEST PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

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1. INTRODUCTION

On the 19 October 2009 the Portfolio Committee on Public Safety conducted Public Hearings on the four district municipalities across the Province namely:- Ngaka Modiri Molema – Lehurutse civic centre, Zeerust, Bophirima – Huhudi hall, Vryburg, Dr Kenneth Kaunda – Municipal Auditorium Hall, Klersdorp and Bojanala -Meriting hall, Rustenburg with the intention to involve and inform the public on North West Youth Commission Repeal Bill. All the district municipalities were represented by youth from all the local municipalities.

2. PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

The purpose of the public hearings was explained, which among others was to ensure that the committee puts in practice the goals and objectives of the Republic as stipulated in The Constitution of the Republic of South African, 1996 (Act 108 of 1996). It had to enlighten stakeholders and the public to enable them to understand and debate on North West Youth Commission Repeal Bill. The Constitution indicates that Legislature and National Assembly should ensure that there is public participation on its Bills, Acts and Regulations.

3. COMMENTS/INPUTS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

- The youth across the province support the idea of dissolving the North West Youth Commission and establishment of the National Youth Development Agency.
- National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) to be established expeditiously to address youth issues and concerns

- The concern raised was that the public (youth structures) were not notified on time and there was no time to deliberate on the Bill versus the Act. Public participation process was not properly done.
- When did the process with regard to the bill and the youth development agency started as youth felt they have been left behind
- No feedback of road shows which were done by neither the North West Youth Commission nor the Umsovombu to highlight their achievements or challenges during their term of office.
- There should be an age restriction on those to be appointed as youth coordinators as the South African constitution clearly states that youth are those on the age range of 18 – 35. Those who are appointed should be appointed on merit and should not be deployed cadres but rather qualified and capable. Presently those employed seem older and not interested with youth development.
- National Youth Development Agency to be more transparent especially with regards to finances.
- All powers of youth commission to be vested on the Premier until National Youth Development Agency is established.
- Youth Commission does not assist youth in terms of bursaries and employment.
- There should be subcommittee to deal with the needs of the youth especially in the rural areas e.g. information needs to reach the youth in the rural areas.
- Youth Desks to be established at municipalities as a matter of urgency and should be functional.
- National Youth Development Agency to develop monitoring mechanisms on those who receive funding to curb wasteful expenditure and collapsing of projects.
- A corporative relationship need to be established with all sectors that will deal with youth to enable better coordination of youth programmes and also to minimise duplications.
- All programmes that are carried out at youth centres to be reviewed as they seem to be ineffective and not making relevant outcomes.

- Umsombomvu had restrictions on transport and primary agriculture, will the same apply to the National Youth Development Agency.
- Youth centres especially those in rural areas are left dilapidated, under-resourced and not really assisting with youth development
- More provisions to be made for rural youth especially those with or without matric as they cannot further their studies maybe due to lack of financial resources,
- The youth agree to dissolve the youth commission and reinstate the youth development agency.
- There should be youth development agency in the province to represent youth.
- The premier should not be part of forming the new youth development agency.
- Youth request the youth development agency to have transparency.
- What is the criteria used to form youth development agency.
- Will the newly erected National Youth Development Agency be more transparent with regards to finances?
- The township youth are in the same plight as those in the rural areas, they are forgotten.
- Promises from the youth forums are not carried out, is the hope that from now on promises will be kept.
- A concern on the issue of officials requesting a share in the business or participating as silent partners has attributed to the failure of most projects.
- Learnerships have a tendency of stopping midway in the process while skills provided are not even needed in the job market and also did not provide exit opportunities for those who participated in them.

4. CONCLUSION

All the participants across the province do not have any objection to the North West Youth Commission repeal bill of 2009 and welcomes the National Youth Development Agency as they are hopeful that it will address the shortfalls experienced by the youth commission.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- Rural development is very critical and challenging which requires that the National Youth Development Agency should be 100% committed in terms of implementing the business plans.
- The National Youth Development Agency should be encouraged to advance culture business plans.
- In an efficient, and effective to ensure the achievement of its objectives.
- National Youth Development Agency board members to be monitored to avoid biasness
- The position of Board Members of the National Youth Development Agency to be advertised on local newspapers.
- Ensure that rural communities are prioritized in terms of improvement of education, job opportunities economic growths.
- National Youth Development Agency must also consider mobile services for easy access.
- The North West Youth Commission must dissolve to create the environment and platform for National Youth Development Agency with effect from November 2009.

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