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PROCLAMATIONS • PROKLAMASIES

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**PROCLAMATION NOTICE 93 OF 2022****INVITATION TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED RATIONALISATION OF AREAS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DIVISIONS OF THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA.**

The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, enjoins me, as Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, to manage the rationalisation of all courts, with a view to establishing a court system suited to the requirements of the Constitution (Item 16 (6) of Schedule 6 to the Constitution). The rationalisation of the areas under the jurisdiction of the Divisions of the High Court, is part of this exercise.

In accordance with this constitutional imperative, I appointed a Committee on the Rationalisation of the Areas under the Jurisdiction and Judicial Establishments of the Divisions of the High Court of South Africa (Committee), chaired by retired Deputy Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa, Honourable Dikgang MOSENEKE, assisted by, Madam Judge Jeanette TRAVERSO (retired Deputy Judge President of the Western Cape Division of the High Court), Dr Silas RAMAITE (retired Deputy National Director of Public Prosecutions) and Ms Renuka SUBBAN (retired Chief Magistrate of Verulam Magistrates' Court, KwaZulu-Natal) as additional members.

The rationalisation of the Divisions of the High Court of South Africa intends to align the territorial jurisdictions of all the high courts, thereby correcting the legacy of the old jurisdictions, which are still based on the defunct independent, self-governing states and the pre 1994 Republic of South Africa.

On 15 November 2022, the Committee as per its Chairperson, Justice Moseneke presented to me its interim report for publication and call for comments by the public, interested parties and stakeholders. Members of the public and interested stakeholders are hereby invited to submit their written submissions and comments on the interim report, so as to enable the Committee to complete the rationalisation process.

The interim report can be accessed from the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development website at: <https://www.justice.gov.za>.

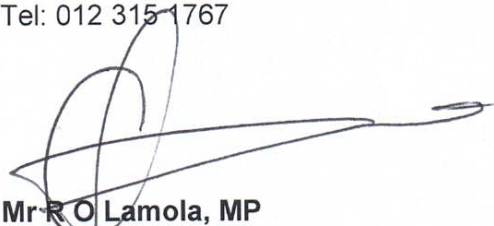
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