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## GENERAL NOTICE

### NOTICE 1137 OF 2006 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CHILDREN'S AMENDMENT BILL, 2006

The Minister of Social Development intends introducing the Children's Amendment Bill in Parliament during August 2006.

Interested parties are invited to submit comments on the Bill to the Secretary: Parliament, PO Box 15, Cape Town, 8000 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.

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 Mathogonolo Sebopela, Department of Social Development, 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.socdev.gov.za)