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# DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT NOTICE 5 OF 2017

# INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON

DRAFT CODE OF GOOD ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT: THE PROMOTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE ACT, 2000

#### 1. INVITATION

- 1.1 The Department of Justice and Constitutional Development invites interested parties to submit written comments on the proposed draft Code of Good Administrative Conduct (the draft Code). Due to the volume of the proposed draft Code, it is not published in this Notice. The proposed draft Code and the background note (which appears on this Invitation), are available on the website of the Department at the following address: <a href="http://www.justice.gov.za">http://www.justice.gov.za</a>.
- 1.2 The comments on the proposed draft Code must be submitted not later than 17 February 2017, marked for the attention of Ms F Bhayat or Ms I Botha, and
  - (a) if they are forwarded by post, be addressed to The Director-General: Justice and Constitutional Development
    Private Bag X81
    Pretoria
    0001
  - (b) if they are delivered by hand, be delivered at SALU Building, Room 23.09 or 23.23 315 Thabo Sehume Street

    Pretoria
  - (c) if they are delivered by email, be emailed to <a href="mailto:fbhayat@justice.gov.za">fbhayat@justice.gov.za</a> or <a href="mailto:inbotha@justice.gov.za">inbotha@justice.gov.za</a>
  - (d) if they are faxed, be faxed to 086 754 8493 or 086 648 2289
- 1.3 For further information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms F Bhayat on 012 406 4771 or Ms I Botha on 012 406 4756. Please do not hesitate to contact the aforementioned officials if you have problems in obtaining a copy of the proposed draft Code.

### 2. BACKGROUND NOTE

The following background information is hereby furnished in order to assist

interested parties to comment on the proposed draft Code.

- 2.1 The draft Code is to be issued in terms of section 10(5A) of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act 3 of 2000) (the Act). The Act was assented to on 3 February 2000. Some of the sections of the Act came into operation on 30 November 2000. The remainder of the provisions of the Act came into operation on 31 July 2002.
- 2.2 Section 10(5A) of the Act provides that the Minister must, by notice in the Gazette, publish a Code in order to provide administrators with practical guidelines and information aimed at the promotion of an efficient administration and the achievement of the objects of the Act.
- 2.3 A draft Code was prepared by the Department, approved by Cabinet and tabled in Parliament some time ago. Due to a number of challenges, the draft Code could not be finalised. The draft Code has since been updated to address these challenges.

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