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DEPARTMENT OF ARTS, CULTURE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The Minister of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology intends introducing the Cultural Laws Amendment Bill, the Cultural Laws Second Amendment bill and the National Advisory Council on Library information services Bill in the National Assembly early in August 2000. The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with rule 241 (c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.

Publication of explanatory summary of:

1. The Cultural Laws Amendment Bill

To amend the Heraldry Act, 1962, so as to amend certain definitions and to define an expression; and to replace an obsolete reference; to amend the Pan South African Language Board Act, 1995, so as to further regulate the composition of the Board; and to empower the Minister to determine criteria for the allowances payable to and reimbursement of expenses incurred by members of the Board; to amend the National Archives of South Africa Act, 1996, so as to further regulate the appointment of the National Archivist; to require the National Archives Commission to advise the Director-General on matters pertaining to the Act; and to empower the Minister to determine criteria for the allowances payable to and reimbursement of expenses incurred by members of the Commission; to amend the National Arts Council Act, 1997, so as to extend the membership of the National Arts Council and the period of tenure of the members; to empower the Minister to appoint the chairperson of the Council; to further regulate the circumstances under which a member of the Council vacates office; to further regulate the composition of the executive committee; and to extend the period of tenure of a member of an advisory panel; to amend the National Film and Video Foundation Act, 1997, so as to empower the National Film and Video Foundation to establish a separate legal entity for purposes of investing in film and video projects; to further regulate the composition of the executive committee; and to effect a textual amendment; to amend the South African Geographical Names Council Act, 1998, so as to empower the Minister to determine criteria for the allowances payable to and reimbursement for expenses incurred by members of the Council; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

2. The Cultural Laws Second Amendment Bill

To amend the Cultural Institutions Act 1998, so as to empower the Minister to declare that a declared cultural institution must be amalgamated with a flagship institution; to provide that a declared institution may in certain circumstances without prior approval of the Minister sell or otherwise alienate any specimen, collection or other movable property; to further regulate the constitution of a council; to empower the Minister to determine criteria for the allowances payable to and reimbursement of expenses incurred by members of the council; and to empower the Minister to appoint the chairperson of a council; to amend the National Heritage Council Act, 1999, so as to empower the Minister to determine criteria for the allowances payable to and reimbursement of expenses incurred by members of the Council; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

3. The National Advisory Council on Library Information Services Bill

To establish the National Council for Library and Information Services; to provide for its objects, functions, composition, meetings, committees and annual report; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

Copies of the Bills can be obtained from:

1. Government Printers - Cape Town and Pretoria.



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