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**PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS  
TO  
STATISTICS BILL**

[B 1—99]

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*(As agreed to by the Portfolio Committee on Finance (National Assembly))*

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OP  
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**CLAUSE 3**

1. On page 6, after line 24, to add:
  - (g) sensitive to distribution by gender, disability, region and similar socio-economic features.

**CLAUSE 6**

1. On page 8, in line 20, to omit “a” and to substitute “an appropriately qualified”.
2. On page 8, from line 22, to omit subsection (2) and to substitute:
  - (2) The Statistician-General must be professionally independent by acting impartially and exercising his or her powers and performing his or her duties—
    - (a) without fear, favour or prejudice; and
    - (b) in the interest of maintaining a high standard of professional service and the integrity of the statistics which Statistics South Africa produces.

**CLAUSE 7**

1. On page 10, after line 42, to insert:
  - (k) seek to ensure appropriate public awareness of statistical collections and activities.

**CLAUSE 8**

1. On page 12, from line 27, to omit subsection (2) and to substitute:
  - (2) The Council must consist of not less than 18 and not more than 25 members—
    - (a) with relevant professional proficiency and interest;
    - (b) broadly representative of groups or interests concerned with the production and use of official statistics, including—
      - (i) organs of state;
      - (ii) producers of statistics;
      - (iii) organised business and labour;
      - (iv) specialist and research interests, including statistics and information technology;
      - (v) economic and financial interests;
      - (vi) demographic and social interests, including rural, gender and disability interests; and

- (vii) the public, including non-governmental, private, civic and other organisations; and
- (c) of whom nine must be persons representing the respective provinces.

CLAUSE 9

1. On page 14, in line 9, to omit “five” and to substitute “one third of the”.

CLAUSE 10

1. On page 14, in line 17, to omit “five” and to substitute “one third of the”.
2. On page 14, in line 18, to omit “five” and to substitute “one third of the”.

CLAUSE 13

1. On page 14, after line 45, to insert:
  - (e) the general appropriateness to the country’s needs of the services provided by Statistics South Africa.
2. On page 16, in line 4, after “activities” to insert:
  - , including its advice to the Minister and Statistician-General and the outcome of that advice,

CLAUSE 14

1. On page 16, in line 13, to omit “, no”.
2. On page 16, in line 14, before “Minister” to insert “no”.
3. On page 16, in line 16, before “organ of state” to insert “no”.
4. On page 16, in line 18, after “(2)” to insert:
  - , provided that in the case of any state institution referred to in section 181(1) of the Constitution, the state institution does not require the Minister’s approval, but it must consult with the Minister, who must be advised by the Statistician-General

