**BILL WATCH**

**PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES SERIES 23/2020**

**[9th July 2020]**

**Public Consultations on 13th and 14th July on:
(1) Attorney General’s Office Amendment Bill and
(2) National Prosecuting Authority Amendment Bill**

Parliament has published the notice appearing below announcing the holding of public consultations on both the above Bills on Monday and Tuesday next week, 13th and 14th July.

The hearings will be conducted by two teams of MPs drawn from the Portfolio Committee on Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs, and will take place in Harare and Gweru [on Monday 13th July] and Mutare and Bulawayo [on Tuesday 14th July].  Times and venues and other details about the hearings are given in Parliament’s notice below.

**Copies of the Bills and Veritas commentaries on them**

The following documents can bedownloaded from the Veritas website [www.veritaszim.net](http://www.veritaszim.net) at the links indicated below:

Attorney-General’s Office Amendment Bill *[*[*link*](http://www.veritaszim.net/node/3969)*]*

Veritas Commentary on the Bill in Bill Watch 35/2020 *[*[*link*](http://www.veritaszim.net/node/4237)*]*

National Prosecuting Authority Amendment Bill *[*[*link*](http://www.veritaszim.net/node/3886)*]*

Veritas commentary in on the Bill in Bill Watch 40/2020 *[*[*link*](http://www.veritaszim.net/node/4274)*]*

**THE NOTICE PUBLISHED BY PARLIAMENT**

**PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS ON THE ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE AMENDMENT BILL (H.B. 14, 2019) AND THE NATIONAL PROSECUTING AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL (H.B. 20, 2019).**

The Portfolio Committee on Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs will hold public consultations on the Attorney General’s Office Amendment Bill (H.B. 14, 2019) and the National Prosecuting Authority Amendment Bill (H.B. 20, 2019) from the 13th to the 14th of July 2020. The Committee will be divided into two teams and will cover various places as follows:

**TEAM A**

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| **Date** | **Place** | **Venue** | **Time**  |
| Monday 13 July  | Harare | Ambassador Hotel | 1000hrs |
| Tuesday 14 July  | Mutare | Queens Hall | 1000hrs |

**TEAM B**

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| **Date** | **Place** | **Venue** | **Time**  |
| Monday 13 July  | Gweru | Gweru Civic Centre | 1400hrs |
| Tuesday 14 July  | Bulawayo  | Holiday Inn | 1000hrs |

**ALL THOSE WHO WILL BE PUTTING ON MILITARY UNIFORMS, SIGNS OF RANKS, FLAGS OR BADGES AND POLITICAL PARTY REGALIA WILL NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

The public hearings will at all times comply with the Ministry of Health and Child Care **COVID 19 Regulations** as outlined in  Statutory Instruments 99 and 110 regarding the observing of social distancing, sanitization, temperature screening and wearing of facial masks.

1. Only 50 participants will be allowed at any one time,
2. Where more than 50 participants want to attend, they will only  be allowed in groups that comply with  the requirements,
3. All participants must be wearing facial masks,
4. Appropriate social distancing will be observed.

All members of the public are urged to observe these requirements which will be monitored by the Ministry of Health and Child Welfare teams.

Soft copies of the bill can be accessed from our website [www.parlzim.gov.zw](http://www.parlzim.gov.zw) or on request from any of the contacts below.

The public, interested groups and organisations are invited to attend these consultations.

**Written submissions and correspondences are welcome** and should be addressed to:

The Clerk of Parliament

Attention: Portfolio Committee on Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs

P.O.Box CY298

Causeway

**Harare**

**Submissions can also be made by email t**hrough the email address clerk@parlzim.gov.zw

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