**BILL WATCH**

**PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES SERIES 7/2021**

**[17th March 2021]**

**Public Hearings Monday 22nd to Friday 26th March**

**Centre for Education, Innovation, Research and Development Bill**

The purpose of this bulletin is to draw attention to the notice Parliament issued yesterday on the public hearings to be held next week on the Centre for Education, Innovation, Research and Development Bill by the Portfolio Committee on Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation, Science and Technology Development.

The following documents relevant to the Bill are available on the Veritas website via the hyperlinks given:

* The Bill itself *[*[*link*](http://www.veritaszim.net/node/4520)*]*
* The speech explaining the reasons for the Bill and its objectives *[*[*link*](http://www.veritaszim.net/node/4773)*]*, made in the National Assembly on 17th February by the Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Development, Professor Murwira.  When debate on the Bill resumes in due course, the next step will be presentation of the Portfolio Committee’s report on these public hearings and the virtual public hearings already conducted on 1st and 5th March – and its recommendations as to how the National Assembly should deal with the Bill.

The text of Parliament’s notice on the public hearings is as follows:

**Parliament’s Notice**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

**THE PARLIAMENTARY PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TERTIARY EDUCATION, INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT WILL BE CONDUCTING  PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE CENTRE FOR EDUCATION, INNOVATION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BILL [H.B. 1, 2020]**

**22** [**MARCH**](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CUser%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CINetCache%5CContent.Outlook%5CE75EC664%5CPhysical%20Public%20hearing%20-Higher%20and%20Tertiary.docx) **TO 26 MARCH 2021**

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| **DAY** | **TIME** | **VENUE** | **TOWN** |
| **Monday 22 March** | 1000 hrs – 1200 hrs | President’s Room Bulawayo Rainbow Hotel | **Bulawayo**  |
| **Tuesday 23 March** | 1000 hrs – 1200 hrs | Gweru Theatre | **Gweru** |
| **Wednesday 24 March** | 1000 hrs – 1200 hrs  | Flamboyant Hotel | **Masvingo** |
| **Thursday 25 March** | 1000 hrs – 1200 hrs | Holiday Inn Mutare | **Mutare** |
| **Friday 26 March** | 1000 hrs – 1200 hrs | Senate Chamber Parliament Building | **Harare** |

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

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.

a)     Only **50** participants will be allowed at any one time,

b)     Where more than 50 participants want to attend, they will only be allowed in groups that comply with the requirements,

c)     All participants must be wearing facial masks,

d)     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.

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 Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation, Science and Technology Development

P.O. Box CY298

Causeway Harare

**Submissions can also be made by email through the email address** This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it.">**clerk@parlzim.gov.zw**

**Written submissions can also be submitted by hand at:**

Parliament of Zimbabwe Building, corner Kwame Nkrumah Avenue and Third Street.

**Telephone 0242 700181-8, 252936-49**

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