**BILL WATCH**

**PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES SERIES 37/2021**

**[10th October 2021]**

**Public Hearings Monday 11th to Friday 15th October
Public Consultations on 2022 National Budget**

The Portfolio Committee on Budget and Finance and the Expanded Committee on Sustainable Development Goals [SDGs] will, on behalf of Parliament, be conducting joint public hearings from tomorrow Monday 11th October to Friday 15th October to consult members of the public ­– including organisations and individuals – to learn what the people of Zimbabwe want and expect to be contained in the National Budget for the 2022 financial year.  These public hearings will be held to comply with the constitutional responsibility placed on Parliament to involve the public in all it does, particularly when it comes to the formulation of the National Budget.

The members of the Parliamentary committees concerned will split into four teams.  They will hold both virtual hearings on radio and conduct physical public meetings countrywide.

**Virtual Public Hearings**

These will be conducted by means of phone-in radio programmes during which members of the public can express their views.  The timetable for these radio programmes is as follows:

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| **VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS ON RADIO** |
| **Date** | **Radio Station** | **TEAM** | **Time** |
| Monday 11 October  | Diamond FM | Team D | 1900-2000hrs |
| Tuesday 12 October  | Central FM | Team B | 1900-2000hrs |
| Wednesday 13 October | Classic 263 | Team A | 1000-1200hrs |
| Thursday 14 October  | National FM | Team C | 1900-2000hrs |

**Physical Public Hearings**

The four teams will conduct physical public hearings countrywide from Monday to Friday according to the programme set out in following four tables:

**TEAM A**

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| **Date** | **Place** | **Venue** | **Time**  |
| 11 October  | Centenary | Muzarabani Growth Point | 1030-1230hrs |
| 12 October  | Glendale | Tsungubvi Hall | 1030-1230hrs |
| 13 October  | Rushinga | Chimhanda Growth Point | 1030-1230hrs |
| 14 October  | Wedza | Kujeke Grounds | 1030-1230hrs |
| 15 October  | Mudzi | Mudzi Council Offices | 1030-1230hrs |

**TEAM B**

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| **Date** | **Place** | **Venue** | **Time**  |
| 11 October  | Harare | Ambassador Hotel | 1030-1230hrs |
| 11 October  | Highfields | Musandirapamwe Hotel | 1430-1730hrs |
| 12 October  | Zvimba | St Kizito Parish Hall | 1030-1230hrs |
| 13 October  | Gokwe- Chireya | Gokwe Chireya Mission | 1030-1230hrs |
| 14 October  | Chirumanzu | Chirumanzu RDC Sub Office | 1030-1230hrs |
| 15 October | Chegutu | Chegutu Welfare Center | 1030-1230hrs |

**TEAM C**

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| **Date** | **Place** | **Venue** | **Time**  |
| 11 October  | Binga | Freedom Square | 1030-1230hrs |
| 12 October  | Tsholotsho | Tsholotsho BSPZ | 1030-1230hrs |
| 13 October  | Bulawayo | Selbourne Hotel | 1030-1230hrs |
| 14 October  | Bulawayo | Iminyela Hall | 1430-1730hrs |
| 14 October  | Maphisa | Omadu Hotel | 1030-1230hrs |
| 15 October  | Umzingwane | Heany Hall | 1030-1230hrs |

**TEAM D**

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| **Date** | **Place** | **Venue** | **Time**  |
| 11 October  | Mutare | Hauna Valley Lodge | 1030-1230hrs |
| 12 October  | Rusape | Vhengere Community Hall | 1030-1230hrs |
| 13 October  | Birchenough Bridge | Birchenough Bridge Hotel | 1030-1230hrs |
| 14 October  | Nyika | Bikita Training Centre | 1030-1230hrs |
| 14 October  | Zaka | Jerera Ministry of Education BSPZ Conference Room | 1430-1730hrs |
| 15 October  | Gutu | Mpandawana Council Office | 1030-1730hrs |

**Attendance at these meetings** will be subject to the appropriate rules applicable to gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic – wearing of masks, social distancing, limited numbers according to space available, etc.

**Written Submissions**

For those not able to attend in the ways covered above, written submissions will be welcome but should be sent without delay, because the Budget programme is a tight one.  **Written submissions** and correspondences are welcome and should be addressed to:

The Clerk of Parliament

Attention: Committee on Budget and Finance and Expanded Committee on SDGS [Budget Consultations]

P.O. Box CY 298

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Harare

or delivered to Parliament’s Kwame Nkrumah Avenue entrance in Harare.

**Email**   Submissions can also be made by email to email address **clerk@parlzim.gov.zw**

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