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**PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES SERIES 41/2020**

**[30th October 2020]**

**Open Committee Meetings for Pre-Budget Consultations  with Ministries**

**Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th November**

Portfolio Committees will be holding their postponed Pre-Budget Consultations with the Ministries they supervise over a three-day period, starting Monday 2nd November, continuing on Tuesday 3rd November and ending on Wednesday 4th November *[see tables below]*.  They will use these consultations to get information from the Ministries, their parastatals and stakeholders as to their needs and expectations from the National Budget for next year.

The meetings are open to the public for purposes of observation only *[see, however, the note at the end of this bulletin on Submissions from Members of the Public].*  Physical access to such meetings is still limited, as explained in the following notice from Parliament:

“Please note that in light of the COVID 19 pandemic, access to Committee meetings that are open to the public is still limited in order for us to comply with World Health Organisation Guidelines on COVID 19 as advised by the Ministry of Health and Child Care. Our Public Relations Department will assist you in participating in our open meetings.

We are sorry for any inconveniences caused by the current restrictions due to COVID 19.”

The available alternative to physical attendance is the livestreaming on Parliament’s Facebook page, which is at <https://www.facebook.com/parliamentofzim/>

NB:  Parliament’s telephone numbers are Harare (024) 2700181 and (024) 2252940/1.

**Monday 2nd November** – **Morning**

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| **COMMITTEE** | **TIME** | **VENUE** | **MINISTRY** |
| Defence, Home Affairs & Security Services | 9 am | Committee Room No. 1 | Defence and War Veterans Affairs,  its parastatals and stakeholders. |
| 11 am | Committee Room No. 1 | Home Affairs,  its parastatals and stakeholders. |
| ICT & Courier Services | 10 am | Committee Room No. 2 | ICT and Courier Services,  its parastatals and stakeholders. |
| Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Development | 10 am | Committee Room No. 3 | Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Development**,** its parastatals and stakeholders**.** |
| Public Service, Labour & Social Welfare | 10 am | Committee Room No. 4 | Public Service and  the Public Service Commission. |
| Transport and Infrastructural development | 10 am. | National Assembly Chamber | Transport and Infrastructure Development, its parastatals and stakeholders. |
| Mines & Mining Development | 10 am | Senate Chamber | Mines and Mining Development,  its parastatals and stakeholders. |

**Monday 26th October – Afternoon**

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| **COMMITTEE** | **TIME** | **VENUE** | **MINISTRY** |
| Budget, Finance and Economic Development | 3.30 pm | Senate Chamber | Finance and Economic Development,  its parastatals and stakeholders. |

**Tuesday 3rd November – Morning**

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| **COMMITTEE** | **TIME** | **VENUE** | **MINISTRY** |
| Local Government, Public Works & National Housing | 9 am | Government Caucus Room | Local Government and Public Works, its parastatals and stakeholders. |
| 10.30 am | National Housing,  its parastatals and stakeholders. |
| Lands, Agriculture, Water & Rural  Resettlement | 10 am | National Assembly Chamber | Lands, Agriculture, Water and Rural Resettlement,  its parastatals and stakeholders. |
| Environment and Tourism | 10 am | Senate Chamber | Environment and Tourism,  its parastatals and stakeholders. |

**Tuesday 3rd November – Afternoon**

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| **COMMITTEE** | **TIME** | **VENUE** | **MINISTRY** |
| Youth, Sports and Recreation | 2 pm | Committee Room No. 4 | Youth, Sports and Recreation,  its parastatals and stakeholders. |
| Primary and Secondary Education | 2 pm | National Assembly Chamber | Primary and Secondary Education,  its parastatals and stakeholders. |

**Wednesday 4th November – Morning**

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| **COMMITTEE** | **TIME** | **VENUE** | **MINISTRY** |
| Health and  Child Care | 10 am | National Assembly Chamber | Health and Child Care,  its parastatals and stakeholders. |
| Energy and Power Development | 10 am | Committee Room No. 1 | Energy and Power Development,  its parastatals and stakeholders. |
| Information, Media and Broad-casting Services | 10 am | Committee Room No. 3 | Information, Media and Broadcasting Services,  its parastatals and stakeholders. |
| Foreign Affairs | 10 am | Committee Room No. 4 | Foreign Affairs and International Trade,  its parastatals and stakeholders. |
| Women Affairs and SMEs | 10 am | Committee Room No. 413 | Women Affairs and SMEs,  its parastatals and stakeholders. |
| Public Accounts | 10 am | Government Caucus | Office of the Auditor General |
| Justice, Legal & Parliamentary Affairs | 10 am | Senate Chamber | Ministry of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs, Independent Commissions and stakeholders. |

**Wednesday 4th November – Afternoon**

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| **COMMITTEE** | **TIME** | **VENUE** | **MINISTRY** |
| Industry and  Commerce | 10 am | Committee Room No. 2 | Industry and Commerce, its parastatals and stakeholders*.* |

**Submissions from Members of the Public**

Although members of the public may not take an active part in the above meetings, they are welcome to submit their written expectations from the 2021 National Budget to the appropriate portfolio committee or committees by email to the following email address: [clerk@parlzim.gov.zw](mailto:clerk@parlzim.gov.zw) .

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