

CALL FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

ON A PROCESS TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A “SINGLE HUMAN RIGHTS BODY”

In 2006, Parliament appointed an *ad hoc* Committee to undertake a Review of Chapter Nine and Associated Institutions.

One of the key recommendations of the *ad hoc* Committee was the establishment of a “Single Human Rights Body”, amalgamating the following institutions:

The **National Youth Development Agency**, the **Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities**, the **Commission for Gender Equality**, the **Pan South African Language Board**, and the **South African Human Rights Commission**. The *ad hoc* Committee was of the view that the main advantages to the establishment of a “Single Human Rights Body”, amongst others were:

- 1. The avoidance of duplication of effort;**
- 2. The administrative efficiency and effective use of resources;**
- 3. Greater accessibility and co-ordinated approach to public awareness of the Bill of Rights.**

The Legacy Report of the Fourth Parliament recommended that the Fifth Parliament process the remainder of the recommendations.

A process is underway to examine the feasibility of a “Single Human Rights Body”, which should include a roadmap for the consideration of the recommendation.

Parliament hereby invites members of the Public to submit written submissions to this process, with the closing date for written submissions being: 25 May 2017.

Please send your written submissions to the Office on Institutions Supporting Democracy (OISD) as follows: email: oisd@parliament.gov.za or by post to: The OISD, Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, PO Box 15, Cape Town, 8000

The Report of the *ad hoc* Committee on the Review of Chapter Nine and Associated Institutions is available on the parliamentary website at www.parliament.gov.za

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