



human settlements

Department:
Human Settlements
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS AND STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION IN THE FUTURE PROVISION OF WARRANTY INSURANCE FOR HOME BUILDERS

The Housing Consumers Protection Measures Act 95 of 1998 (The Act), which is the enabling Act establishing the National Home Builders Registration Council (NHBRC), empowers the Minister of Human Settlements to appoint a Council Advisory Committee (CAC) for the purpose of advising the Minister with regards to the Warranty Fund and other matters pertaining to the Act. The CAC was appointed by the Minister of Human Settlements in terms of section 23 (1) of the Act. The functions of the CAC are stated in Section 23 (9) and (10) of the Act.

In terms of the Act, the CAC is required to assess the feasibility of introducing an insurer to insure home builders' obligations in terms of Section 13 (2) (b) (i),(ii) and (iii) of the Act and to further advise if such an insurer(s) should be exempted from the provisions of the Insurance Act, 1943. The CAC simultaneously engaged in investigating the potential impact of ending the housing warranty monopoly which is currently exercised by the NHBRC.

The Public Hearings set out below will assist the CAC to formulate recommendations as envisaged by the Act and will affect the provision of housing warranty insurance going forward. In order for the CAC to make the recommendations, the CAC invites the Public to express their views at the Public Hearings as set out below. This will form part of the resource information which will inform the recommendations of the CAC.

You are hereby formally invited to register to participate in Public Hearings and submit in writing your views as an interested and affected party. Please submit your name, contact details, number of people that will attend and written comments to Ms Tebogo Matabane at Tebogo.Matabane@dhs.gov.za or fax to 086 514 3282 not later than 09 October 2009.

The Public Hearings will take place as follows:

DATE	TIME	VENUE
13 October 2009	09:00 - 12:00	Gauteng: Burger's Park Hotel (Pretoria)
14 October 2009	09:00 - 12:00	Gauteng: Protea Hotel Parktonian (Jhb)
16 October 2009	09:00 - 12:00	KZN: Royal Hotel (Durban)
21 October 2009	09:00 - 12:00	WC: Cape Sun (Cape Town)

