

deliberations today on the report of the nationwide public hearings undertaken between November last year and March this year for the purposes of obtaining public views on the Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Bill.

The process of engaging with the report started in yesterday's meeting, at which the committee researcher briefed members of Parliament and other stakeholders on salient points of the report.

Venue: Committee Room S26, First Floor, NCOP Building. Time: 9.30am.

Richard Mdakane

Chairperson of portfolio committee on co-operative governance and traditional affairs

Business with state

THE standing committee on public accounts plans to engage with those government departments employing high numbers of people who are still doing business with the state.

(Yesterday) the committee was briefed by the auditor-general's office on audit findings on government

business with the state. The briefing revealed that the departments of police, justice and constitutional development, correctional services, trade and industry, public works and public enterprises are among the departments with the highest number of employees doing business with the state.

The engagement was important because it addresses the issue of ethics in the public service.

The auditor-general's report contains information about the fraudulent behaviour of government employees who either did not declare, or gave false declarations, during the 2015/16 financial year.

The standing committee on public accounts has requested detailed information from the auditor-general on the affected departments so that when the committee engages with these departments they can give clear explanations about why they are failing to follow the law.

In the future, the standing committee on public accounts plans to work closely with the portfolio committee on public service and administration to deal with such matters.

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