**BILL WATCH**

**PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES SERIES 13/2020**

**[5th June 2020]**

**Open Meetings for the Week Ending 12th June**

**Please note:  Parliament has warned that due to current restrictions on gatherings in light of COVID 19, attendance at open committee meetings will be limited.**

There will be five open Portfolio Committee meetings during the coming week.  They are listed below.  Members of the public may attend these meetings – but as observers only, not as participants, i.e. they may observe and listen but not speak. If attending, please use the entrance to Parliament on Kwame Nkrumah Ave between 2nd and 3rd Streets. Please note that IDs must be produced.  Masks and social distancing will be required.

*The details given in this bulletin are based on the latest information from Parliament. But, as there are sometimes last-minute changes to the meetings schedule, persons* wishing *to attend should avoid disappointment by checking with the committee clerk that the meeting concerned is still on and open to the public. Parliament’s telephone numbers are Harare 2700181 and 2252940/1.*

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**Monday 8th June at 10 am**

**Portfolio Committee: Youth, Sports, Culture and Recreation**

Oral evidence from the  Ministry of Youth, Sport, Arts and Recreation on the administration of the Youth Relief Fund, including the criteria for selecting beneficiaries.

Venue: Committee Room No. 1

**Tuesday 9th June at 10 am**

**Portfolio Committee: Health and Child Care**

Oral evidence from the  Ministry of Home Affairs and Cultural Heritage  on the state of preparedness to handle returns at entry points in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and ensuring security at Quarantine Centres.

Venue: National Assembly chamber

**Portfolio Committee: Information, Media** and Broadcasting Services

Oral evidence from the  Broadcasting Authority of Zimbabwe on the Revised Statutory Instrument 39/2020 on Community Broadcasting Services and the issuance of a campus licence to Great Zimbabwe University.  *[Note:  Both Statutory Instrument 39/2020 [*[*link*](http://www.veritaszim.net/node/3948)*] – the Broadcasting Services (Community and Campus Radio Broadcasting Services) Regulations, 2020 – and Statutory Instrument 117/2020 [*[*link*](http://www.veritaszim.net/node/4189)*] – containing the amendments to or revisions of SI 39/2020 -  are available on the Veritas website using the links given above.]*

Venue: Committee Room No. 4

**Thursday 11th June at 10 am**

**Portfolio Committee: Lands, Agriculture, Water, Climate and Rural Resettlement**

Oral evidence from the  Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Water and Rural Resettlement on its preparedness for the winter cropping season.

Venue: Senate Chamber

**Thursday 11th June at 2 pm**

**Portfolio Committee: Mines and Mining Development**

Oral evidence from the  Zimbabwe Miners Federation on the operations by small-scale miners amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Venue: Senate Chamber

**What will Other Committees be Doing in the Closed Meetings?**

Portfolio Committee : Higher and Tertiary Education

This committee will be considering the plan proposed by the Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Development for opening of colleges and universities in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic.

Thematic Committee: Peace and Security

This committee will be having a joint meeting with the Portfolio Committee on Local Government, Public Works and National Housing to consider the itinerary for the proposed fact-finding visits to areas affected by floods.

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