**BILL WATCH**

**PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES SERIES 27/2020**

**[25th July 2020]**

**Public Hearings on Monday 27th July on  
The Petition Requesting that the Constitution be Amended   
to Make the Chikunda Language an Official Language**

The National Assembly’s Portfolio Committee on Defence, Home Affairs and Security Services will on Monday 27th July hold public hearings on a petition submitted to Parliament by the Chikunda Language and Culture Association requesting that the Constitution be amended to include the Chikunda language in the list of official languages.

Committee members will be split into two teams which will hold separate public hearings simultaneously as follows:

**TEAM 1**

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Place** | **Venue** |
| Monday 27 July | 1130hrs-1330hrs | Mwazamutanda,  Mbire District | Mwazamutanda Community Hall |

**TEAM 2**

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Place** | **Venue** |
| Monday 27 July | 1130hrs-1330hrs | Kaitano,  Mt. Darwin District | Kaitano Clinic |

**The public, interested groups and organisations are invited to attend these consultations**.

ALL THOSE WHO WILL BE PUTTING ON MILITARY UNIFORMS, SIGNS OF RANKS, FLAGS OR BADGES AND POLITICAL PARTY REGALIA WILL NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC HEARINGS.

The Public Hearings will at all times comply the Ministry of Health and Child Care COVID 19 Regulations as outlined in Statutory Instruments 99 and 110 regarding observing social distancing, sanitization, temperature screening and wearing of facial masks.

1. Only 50 participants will be allowed at any one time;
2. Where more than 50 participants want to attend they will only be allowed in groups that comply with the requirements;
3. Hand sanitization and temperature screening will be done at all venues;
4. All participants must be wearing facial masks;
5. Appropriate social distancing will be observed;

All Members of the public are urged to observe these requirements which will be monitored by Ministry of Health and Child Welfare teams.

**Written submissions and correspondences are also welcome and should be addressed to:**

The Clerk of Parliament

Attention: Portfolio Committee on Defence, Home Affairs and Security Services

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