

The Association for the Protection of Road Accident Victims

BREAKING NEWS!!!!!!

The Chairlady of the Portfolio Committee of Transport, Hon. Dikeledi Magadzi (MP), confirmed on 8 February 2015 that the Bill will still be subjected to further public hearing!

APRAV 'on the road' in Northern Cape...

APRAV visited the Northern Cape from 16 to 18 January 2015. Public consultation sessions on the RABS Bill were held in Upington, Kakamas, Kenhard and Keimoes. More than 200 members of the public attended these sessions The sessions were attended by more people in this one province than at all the Department of Transport Public Consultations on the RABS nationally!!



The public was briefed on the RABS Bill – ‘the good, the bad and the ugly’. They were specifically consulted on 5 key issues: (1) The need to submit appeals electronically, (2) That the RAF/'new agency' will not notify them of the outcome of the claim, (3) That they then can only appeal to the same body who declined them in the 1st place.,(4) That administrators will decide their treatment/rehabilitation - not medical specialists, and (5) That they have no right to assistance or representation. **The overwhelming response was a total rejection of these issues in the RABS Bill!**

APRAV also established contact with the local Community Development Workers (CDWs) in the province and they requested APRAV to “come back to all areas of the Northern Cape” in a follow-up APRAV ‘on the road’ in the Northern Cape. This is being planned for March 2015.

Comment: It is clear after consulting with only a few communities in the Northern Cape that the public is totally unaware of the RABS Bill, its consequences to them and they are even not well informed on their rights in terms of the current RAF Act. These communities are angry that such a major change, with such a major impact on them, is happening unnoticed and unchecked!



Meeting with Minister Dipuo Peters ...

- The Office of the Minister unfortunately postponed the scheduled meeting of the 29th of January 2015 with APRAV, 48 hours prior to the meeting.
- We anticipate the meeting to be rescheduled for around the 16th of February 2015...watch this space!

GENERAL UPDATE

Progress made!

1. COSATU-NEDLAC briefing document submitted early January 2015 – re the COSTATU-NEDLAC meeting 27 January 2015. This meeting was unfortunately postponed to late February 2015...we will ensure that APRAV remains on the agenda!
2. Hon. MP Patrick Sibande (The Whip of the ANC in the Transport Portfolio Committee) was briefed in detail & he committed himself to ensure that APRAV is given an audience with the ANC Study Group.
3. APRAV met with Hon. MP Leonard Ramatlakane, ANC MP who is a respected member of the Transport Committee. He confirmed that the implementation of this Bill, if ever, is still a long way off despite the RAF's obvious campaigning to plea poverty, in order to coax government into expediting the implementation of the Bill.
4. APRAV met with the Head: Legal Services (Discovery Health) on the impact of the RABS Bill and the work APRAV is doing. The meeting was very constructive and next steps were agreed.
5. All preparatory work was completed for the RIA (Regulatory Risk Assessment) request to Parliament.
6. The Solutions Task Team continues their work on a sustainable long term solution, as well as preparation of the required briefings to the key role players involved this is always ongoing.
7. Briefing to various newspapers to counter RAF CEO Press announcements.

Key priorities for next few months!

1. Continue interacting with the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Transport in general
2. Brief the Parliamentary Portfolio Committees on Trade & Industry and Health on the RABS Bill & issues
3. Brief the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Transport, again, before the next portfolio committee meeting
4. Brief all other ANC members of the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Transport before the next portfolio committee meeting
5. Presentation to the ANC Study Group
6. Presentation to COSATU/NEDLAC and facilitate a special investigation into the RABS Bill
7. Facilitate a RIA (Regulatory Risk Assessment) investigation by Parliament on the RABS Bill
8. APRAV 'on the road' in Limpopo, Northern Cape II & Free State
9. Continue to inform key news editors on the facts around the RAF & the RABS Bill
10. Continue to meet with major medical service companies
11. Articles in various newspapers following soon, including a follow-up in the Pretoria News and Mail & Guardian on the RAF CEO's comment on RAF debt.

8. We continue to brief key role players on progress & developments as they happen.



Solutions Task Team

Professor Hennie Klopper is leading APRAV's Solutions Task Team composed of experts from various relevant fields.

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