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GPL's Standing Committee on Scrutiny of Subordinate Legislation Engages with the Department of Economic Development on Gambling Regulations 2024

The Gauteng Provincial Legislature's (GPL) Standing Committee on Scrutiny of Subordinate Legislation (CSSL) chaired by Honourable Matshidiso Mfikoe, convened a meeting today to discuss the forthcoming Gambling Regulations 2024.


These Regulations relate to the annual fee increase of gambling applications and licensing tariffs which are set to be implemented later this year.

During the meeting, the Gauteng Department of Economic Development led by MEC Lebogang Maile presented their proposed regulations including a 6% increase in tariffs under the Gauteng Gambling Regulations.

The Department outlined the rationale behind the proposed increase, emphasizing the need to balance fiscal growth and responsible gambling practices.

One of the key concerns raised by the Committee was the level of public participation in the decision-making process, particularly when it comes to tariff increases.

The Department responded by highlighting several public participation initiatives, including outreach programmes specifically targeting senior citizens. These initiatives



aim to promote responsible gambling, raise awareness around illegal gambling activities and educate consumers about their rights.

The Committee acknowledges the importance of these proposed amendments, recognizing that the revenue generated from gambling regulations significantly contribute to the provincial fiscus, which in turn supports enhanced service delivery. However, the Committee will incorporate additional concerns raised during the meeting into its review of the proposed amendments before any final adoptions is made.

The GPL and the Standing Committee remain steadfast in their commitment to ensuring accountability and transparency in the drafting and implementation of regulations. The Committee will continue to advocate for robust public consultation and participation, ensuring that all voices are heard in shaping regulations that affect the Province.

**ISSUED BY GPL'S COMMUNICATION UNIT ON BEHALF OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE
COMMITTEE, HONOURABLE MATSHIDISO MFIKOE**

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