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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**NOTICE 1509 OF 2022****INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS****CRIMINAL LAW (SEXUAL OFFENCES AND RELATED MATTERS) AMENDMENT BILL, 2022**

1. The Department of Justice and Constitutional Development invites interested parties to submit written comments on the proposed Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Related Matters) Amendment Bill, 2022 (the Bill).
- 2.1 The purpose of the Bill is to repeal the Sexual Offences Act, 1957 (Act No. 23 of 1957) as well as section 11 of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Related Matters) Amendment Act, 2007 (Act No. 32 of 2007) to decriminalise the sale and purchase of adult sexual services and to provide for matters connected therewith.
- 2.2 The Bill only decriminalises sex work insofar as it relates to the buying and selling of adult sexual services. Engaging in sexual services with children or persons who are mentally disabled remains an offence under the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Related Matters) Amendment Act, 2007.
- 2.3 Members of the public are encouraged to participate in the legislative development process, by making inputs based on facts in order to improve the Bill.
3. A copy of the Bill is available on the website of the Department at <http://www.justice.gov.za>.
4. The comments on the Bill must be submitted to the Chief Directorate: Legislative Development on or before 31 January 2023. The contact details are:
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The Director-General: Justice and Constitutional Development
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marked for the attention of Tsietsi Sebelemetja; or
 - (b) E-mail address:
Bills1@justice.gov.za; or
 - (c) Fax nr:
012 406 4632.
5. Further information can be obtained from the Chief Directorate: Legislative Development at 012 406 4769/ 4753.

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