

STATEMENT 6/2022

ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE MONITORING AND
ADVOCACY OF GOVERNMENT PENSIONS (AMAGP)

Pretoria
16 October 2022

Improved system of Parliamentary oversight.

Amagp noted with great gratitude the new improved system of reporting to Parliamentary Standing Committees by government departments and other institutions such as the Public Investment Corporation (PIC) and the Government Employees Pension Fund Pension (GEPF). This should ease the chairmen's task and save time.

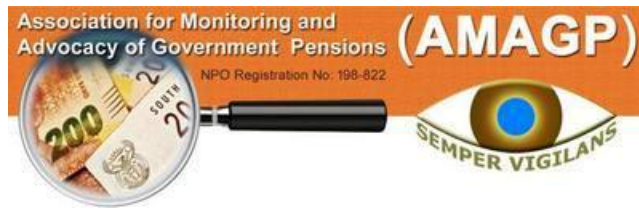
As part of their oversight role, Standing Committees of Parliament hold meetings with senior representatives of the relevant government departments and institutions usually when the relevant institution's annual report is presented to the committees. This gives members of parliament the opportunity to ask questions about the operations of the relevant institution, their service delivery and the fulfillment of functions prescribed by law. The institutions' financial statements are analysed and questions are asked about that.

According to the new system, the general public, clients, experts and stakeholders will now be able to make input to the committees. This will broaden parliamentarians' information base and enable them to assess the correctness of submissions.

AMAGP is of the opinion that the new system is a great improvement. This can give rise to great time savings for individual members of parliament and the Standing Committees.

By arming members of parliament with knowledge in advance, it can be ensured that reporting department and institutions come to meetings well informed, can answer questions fully, are limited to providing relevant information and do not waste committees' time with nonsense such as slide shows. By being informed in advance, chairpersons will be able to also avoid long lists of unanswered questions building up.

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VERKLARING 6/2022

UITGEREIK NAMENS DIE VERENIGING VIR DIE MONITERING EN BEVORDERING VAN STAATSDIENSPENSIOENE (AMAGP)

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Verbeterde stelsel van Parlementere oorsig

Amagp het met groot dank kennis geneem van die nuwe verbeterde stelsel van verslagdoening van Staatsdepartemente en ander instansies soos die Openbare Beleggingskorporasie (OBK) en Pensioenfonds vir Staatsdienswerknemers (GEPF) aan Parlementere Staande Komitees.. Dit behoort komitee voorsitters se taak te verlig en tydbesparend te wees.

As deel van hul oorsigrol hou Staande Komitees van die Parlement vergaderings met senior verteenwoordigers van die betrokke staatsdepartemente en instansies gewoonlik wanneer die betrokke instansie se jaarverslag aan die komitees voorgelê word. Dit gee parlamentslede geleentheid om vrae te stel oor die bedrywighede van die betrokke instansie, hul dienslewering en die nakoming van statuter-voorgeskrewe funksies. Die instansies se finansiële state word ontleed en vrae word daarvoor gestel.

Volgens die nuwe stelsel sal die breë publiek, kliente, deskundiges en belanghebbendes nou insette aan die komitees kan maak. Dit sal parlamentslede se inligtingsbasis verbreed en hulle in staat stel om die korrektheid van voorleggings te verifieer.

AMAGP is van oordeel dat die nuwe stelsel 'n groot verbetering is. Dit kan aanleiding gee tot groot tydbesparing vir individuele parlamentslede en ook van die Staande Komitees.

Deur parlamentslede vooraf met kennis te bewapen kan verseker word dat verslagdoeners goed ingelig na vergaderings moet kom, vrae volledig moet kan beantwoord, die proses tot die verskaffing van relevante inligting beperk word en nie komitees se tydmors met onsinnighede soos skyfievertonings nie. Deur vooraf ingelig te word sal voorsitters ook die ontduiking van vrae kan hokslaan en so die opeenhoping van vrae in lang uitstaande vraelyste voorkom.

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