

- (c) compel, in terms of national legislation or the rules and orders, any person or institution to comply with a summons or requirement in terms of paragraph (a) or (b); and
- (d) receive petitions, representations or submissions from any interested persons or institutions.

### **Internal arrangements, proceedings and procedures of National Council**

70. (1) The National Council of Provinces may—
- (a) determine and control its internal arrangements, proceedings and procedures; and
  - (b) make rules and orders concerning its business, with due regard to representative and participatory democracy, accountability, transparency and public involvement.
- (2) The rules and orders of the National Council of Provinces must provide for—
- (a) the establishment, composition, powers, functions, procedures and duration of its committees;
  - (b) the participation of all the provinces in its proceedings in a manner consistent with democracy; and
  - (c) the participation in the proceedings of the Council and its committees of minority parties represented in the Council, in a manner consistent with democracy, whenever a matter is to be decided in accordance with section 75.

### **Privilege**

71. (1) Delegates to the National Council of Provinces and the persons referred to in sections 66 and 67—
- (a) have freedom of speech in the Council and in its committees, subject to its rules and orders; and
  - (b) are not liable to civil or criminal proceedings, arrest, imprisonment or damages for—
    - (i) anything that they have said in, produced before or submitted to the Council or any of its committees; or
    - (ii) anything revealed as a result of anything that they have said in, produced before or submitted to the Council or any of its committees.