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MEDIA RELEASE: AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON CHILD PROTECTION REFORM TO ENGAGE WITH THE PUBLIC IN VREDENDAL

The Ad-Hoc Committee on Child Protection Reform of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament will host an engagement with stakeholders at the Vredendal-South Community Hall in Vredendal on Wednesday 6 May 2026 from 13:00. This will be the Committee's second engagement with the communities of the West Coast District following its initial event in Saldanha Bay in March this year.

Members of the community, civil society organisations, government departments, non-governmental organisations, faith-based organisations, and all interested stakeholders are invited to attend and actively participate in this engagement.

The purpose of this public engagement is to provide a platform for communities and stakeholders to raise awareness of the challenges affecting children, including child labour, school dropout, teenage pregnancy, statutory offences, limited access to child protection services, and service delivery gaps in Vredendal and surrounding communities.

The engagement further aims to enable communities and relevant stakeholders to share their experiences, identify systemic gaps and challenges within child protection services, and contribute to developing effective strategies to address crimes against children, while strengthening the protection and overall well-being of children in the region.

The public engagement is arranged as follows

Date: Wednesday, 6 May 2026

Time: 13:00 – 17:00

Venue: Vredendal-South Community Hall, Dam Street, Vredendal South

The Ad Hoc Committee on Child Protection Reform looks forward to a meaningful and constructive engagement with all stakeholders as part of its oversight mandate to strengthen child protection services and ensure that the rights, safety, and well-being of children are upheld.

“Public input plays a critical role in shaping legislative and policy responses, that are responsive to the lived realities of children and communities across the Western Cape. All interested parties are encouraged to participate in this important process to ensure that the voices of communities are reflected in efforts to strengthen child protection,” says Wendy Kaizer-Philander, Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee on Child Protection Reform.

Submissions can be made to the Ad-Hoc Committee on Child Protection Reform via email, for the attention of the Procedural Officer Nomonde Jamce, njamce@wcpp.gov.za, or by sending a message or voice note via WhatsApp on 063 118 4169.

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