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The Minister of Social Development intends to introduce table the Children's Amendment Bill, 2015 in the National Assembly shortly. The Explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 241(1) (C) of the Rules of the National Assembly.

The Bill provides for:

The amendment of the Children's Act, 2005, so as to insert certain definitions; to deem person convicted of a certain offences against children unsuitable to work with children; to provide for the court, before making an order directing that the particulars of a child offender convicted of a sexual offence to be included in the Register, to afford the child offender an opportunity to make representations as to why such an order should not be made and to have the best interests of that child considered of paramount importance; to provide for a child offender, to apply in the prescribed manner, to have their particulars removed from the Register; to provide for the review of a decision to remove a child without a court order; to extend the circumstances as to when a child is adoptable, to extend the effects of an adoption order by providing that an adoption order does not automatically terminate all parental responsibilities and rights of a guardian of a child when an adoption order is granted in favour of the spouse or permanent domestic life-partner of that guardian; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

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