GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 565 OF 2008

NATIONAL TREASURY

PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE SPECIAL PENSIONS AMENDMENT BILL, 2008

The Minister of Finance intends to have the Special Pensions Amendment Bill, 2008, introduced in Parliament during the second quarter of 2008. 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 is intended to amend the Special Pensions Act, 1996, to define and further define certain expressions; to extend the right to a pension to persons 30 years of age, but not 35 years of age on 1 December 1996; to extend the surviving spouse's pension, orphan's pension and funeral benefit to certain persons; to regulate the administration of the Act; to amend Schedule 3 to the Act; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

A copy of the draft uncertified Bill is obtainable from the Department's website at <u>http://www.treasury.gov.za</u>.

Interested persons and institutions are invited to submit written representation on the Bill to the Secretary to Parliament by no later than 30 May 2008.

All submissions must be addressed to: The Secretary to Parliament c/o Mr. Bradley Viljoen Committee Section Parliament of the RSA P.O. Box 15 CAPE TOWN 8000

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