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**MEDIA STATEMENT BY SOUTH AFRICAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION: EXTENSION
OF CLOSING DATE FOR COMMENT ON DISCUSSION PAPER 154 – PROJECT 141:
MEDICO-LEGAL CLAIMS UNTIL 28 FEBRUARY 2022**

On 12 November 2021 the South African Law Reform Commission (SALRC) announced the release of Discussion Paper 154 on Project 141: Medico-legal Claims for general information and public comment. Respondents were requested to submit comment on the paper to the SALRC by 31 January 2022.

Discussion Paper 154 contains the SALRC's preliminary research results and puts forward proposals on possible solutions. The proposals are detailed in Chapter 9 of Discussion Paper 154 and the SALRC seeks comment on these proposals in particular. The proposals focus mainly on measures to alleviate the financial burden of medico-legal claims against the state on the fiscus, and to provide for alternative procedures for the speedy resolution of medical negligence claims against the state.

The SALRC received a number of requests for an extension of the closing date for comment on the discussion paper, especially in view of the festive season and the impact of the current Covid-19 wave. The SALRC has therefore decided to extend the closing date for comment on Discussion Paper 154 on Project 141: Medico-legal Claims until **28 February 2022**.

All comment and submissions must be sent for the attention of Ms Ronel van Zyl to the following address:

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Discussion Paper 154 is available on the SALRC website at:

<https://www.justice.gov.za/salrc/dpapers/dp154-prj141-Medico-Legal-Claims.pdf> or
www.justice.gov.za/salrc/dpapers.htm.

Printed copies of Discussion Paper 154 can be obtained free of charge from the SALRC on request. Kindly contact Mr Jacob Kabini at JaKabini@justice.gov.za or (012) 622 6346.

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