

PRICES AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT

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1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Prices and Consumer Protection Advisory Committee Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act—

“Chairperson” means the Chairperson of the Committee;

“Committee” means the Advisory Committee on Prices and Consumer Protection established under section 3;

“member” means a member of the Committee and includes the Chairperson;

“Minister” means the Minister to whom responsibility for the subject of consumer protection is assigned.

3. Establishment of Committee

There is established for the purposes of this Act an Advisory Committee on Prices and Consumer Protection.

4. Duties of Committee

The Committee shall—

- (a) advise the Minister on—
 - (i) any matter relating to the price and supply of consumer goods and services which the Minister may refer to it; and
 - (ii) the formulation and implementation of policies relating to consumer protection; and

- (b) ensure the co-operation and participation of consumers in matters which affect their interest.

5. Composition of Committee

(1) The Committee shall consist of—

- (a) a Chairperson;
- (b) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of industry;
- (c) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of finance;
- (d) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of economic planning and development;
- (e) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of health;
- (f) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of women's rights;
- (g) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of co-operatives;
- (h) 2 representatives of consumers' associations;
- (i) 2 representatives of women's associations;
- (j) 4 representatives of trade unions;
- (k) 4 representatives of traders' associations; and
- (l) 3 members of the Assembly.

(2) The Chairperson shall—

- (a) have administrative experience;
- (b) be well versed in consumer matters;
- (c) not hold a public office;
- (d) be appointed by the Minister; and
- (e) hold office for 3 years and shall be eligible for reappointment.

(3) The members specified in subsection (1) (h) to (l) shall—

- (a) be appointed by the Minister; and
- (b) hold office for one year and be eligible for reappointment.

(4) Every appointed member shall be paid such allowance as may be determined by the Minister.

[S. 5 amended by Act 48 of 1991.]

6. Meetings of Committee

(1) A meeting of the Committee shall be held at least once every 2 months at such time and place as the Chairperson may direct.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the Chairperson may at any time call a meeting of the Committee and shall call such a meeting within 15 days of receiving a request in that behalf addressed to him and signed by no fewer than 5 members.

(3) Twelve members shall constitute a quorum.

(4) The Committee may appoint such sub-committees as may be necessary to enable it to fulfil its functions.

(5) Subject to this section, the Committee shall regulate its meetings and proceedings and those of its sub-committees in such manner as it thinks fit.

7. Annual report

The Committee shall every year submit to the Minister a report of its activities.
