

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**NOTICE 873 OF 2016****PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
AMENDMENT BILL, 2016**

1. Notice is hereby given in terms of Rule 276(1)(b) of the Rules of the National Assembly that the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services intends to introduce the Criminal Procedure Amendment Bill, 2016, in the National Assembly shortly.

2. The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 276(1)(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.

The Bill seeks to amend the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (Act No. 51 of 1977), so as to provide the courts with a wider range of options in respect of orders to be issued in cases of findings that accused persons are not capable of understanding criminal proceedings so as to make a proper defence; or that accused persons are by reason of mental illness or mental defect or for any other reason not criminally responsible for the offences they are charged with, to clarify the composition of the panels provided for in section 79 to conduct enquiries into the mental condition of accused persons; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

3. A copy of the Bill can be found on the websites of the Department and Parliamentary Monitoring Group at <http://www.justice.gov.za> and <http://www.pmg.org.za> and, after introduction, may also be obtained from: Government Printers: Cape Town (Telephone number: (021) 465-7531).