

Honourable Molahlehi Letlotlo to pass Land Marking Disability Law

The Minister of Social Development Honourable Molahlehi Letlotlo is adamant that Disability Equity Bill will be passed before this calendar year ends. The minister said this during an interview on Re Otlolla Taba Program of Radio Lesotho. Responding to questions asked by Mpho Mosala of Radio Lesotho, Hon. Letlotlo said the bill is in its final stages now and soon it will be taken to the office of Attorney General and then be taken to the parliament for passed into law somewhere in August this year.

“To the people watching from outside, they would think the bill is taking too long to be passed, not knowing that this is a unique law which affects various ministries meaning a lot of consultations. We can safely say, we are at the stage where almost all the stakeholders have made their inputs in the bill and we are finalizing, then send the bill to the office of attorney general then table it before parliament where it will be passed into law,” the minister said.

The program was hosted by the Lesotho Federation of Organisations of the Disabled (LNFOD) as a special call to the Minister of Social Development, Hon. Molahlehi Letlotlo to pass Disability Equity Bill.

During the program individual persons with disabilities registered their concerns on service delivery by the ministry of social development. One example is that of Mr. Leshota from Mokhotlong district claiming his was badly treated and looked down upon when he went to seek services from the district office. The minister further said the minister will not tolerate unbecoming behavior by some of the officers from his ministry.

The minister said that would be the most unfortunate incidence to happen to a person with disabilities as the ministry was established to respond to issues vulnerable people. “That is unacceptable. It’s the responsibility of everyone connected to this ministry to protect persons with disabilities of any kind as they are our first customers of our services as the ministry, not the opposite,” he said.

He further said as government they have found remedy for officers who misbehave at work. “As government, we have resolved to introduce name tags to all our officers, so that the

clients will be able to identify who offers him or her the service and report the officer who does misbehave to enable management to take actions on such officers,” the minister concluded.