

# **JASA**

## Justice Alliance of South Africa

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**A short update:**

Parliament is passing Bills at the rate of 4 a day as the DA say "like a sausage machine." We try to monitor them as best we can but apart from the headline catchers like the Scorpions bills, there is little of real substance for JASA to pursue. It is interesting that the pressure is such that contraversial bills like the Land Expropriation one are more readily dropped. We do not expect anything relating to morality before the election.

But our court cases keep us busy:

**Adams racist abuse case:** To be heard in Wynberg court Sep 3 & 4. Adv Murray Bridgman and Grant Gunston Attorneys kindly represent the Adams family pro bono. JASA will be there as an observer.

### **Circumcision Case - Bhisho High Court**

John flew to East London to attend the Directions Hearing. All went well this time. Three of the four defendants are now represented by counsel. The full hearing is fixed for Dec 8th and 9th when Bonani is back from University.

**Firearms Compensation Case - Cape Town High Court** Papers have been filed in which JASA claims several declarations on the basis of breaches of the Constitution by the Minister of Safety and Security and the Commissioner of Police. Donations are coming in from all over the country for this case which seeks to establish the principle that gun owners must be compensated for surrendering firearms as the legislation provides. JASA sees this as vital motivation to reduce the number of firearms on the streets. The Defendants must respond by Sep 30. Then we hope to brief Senior Counsel.

**Mrs Pillay and Marie Stopes and the Western Cape Department of Health** This past week we have upped the pressure on both Marie Stopes and the Dep of Health. After receiving a letter from Marie Stopes' CEO saying the sister doing Mrs Pillay's abortion had been fired, and effectively admitting negligence, we have asked them to settle Mrs Pillay's case by paying R.100,000 damages. We are using the same material to press the Dep of Health to resist the attempt by Marie

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**Stopes to be exempt from providing proper staff and equipment in their clinics. We are choosing our moment to put all this into the public domain.**

**UCT Medical Students and Conscientious Objection** Over 60 students attended a lecture by John last week explaining the rights of conscientious objection to abortion. The 6th year students feel so strongly that they want a boycott of all abortion procedures and they have asked for the lecture to be repeated. John is somewhat apprehensive about all this but there is no doubt that if students nationwide were mobilised, the availability of abortion services could be substantially reduced.

**Another bulletin soon! Please go to [www.justicealliance.org.za](http://www.justicealliance.org.za) and consider whether you could make a small donation to support this work if you are not doing so already. It is so easy on the web.**

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