

# TAC/ALP submission to the Panel for the Independent Assessment of Parliament

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"The Constitution places specific obligations on Parliament which are essential to maintaining our democratic form of government. Amongst these requirements are the obligations to involve the public in the legislative process, provide guidance and limits on the powers of the executive, and maintain active oversight over the actions of governmental officials. In the experience of the Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) and the AIDS Law Project (ALP) there is a tendency, particularly in the Portfolio Committee on Health, to defer substantive matters of policy to the Executive in ways which fail to uphold these constitutional obligations and which the Constitutional Court has made clear in multiple decisions, threatens the ability of citizens to uphold their rights."

-- ALP/TAC Submission to the Panel for the Independent Assessment of Parliament

On 12 February 2008, TAC and the AIDS Law Project (ALP) made a submission to the Panel for the Independent Assessment of Parliament. About 30 TAC members attended the session and also heard an excellent submission from the Legal Resources Centre.

Mark Heywood presented for the ALP. Nomfundo Eland presented for TAC. The panel asked engaging, intelligent questions.

The panel is currently due to make its recommendations in March.

The TAC/ALP submission can be downloaded [here](#).

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