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ANC set to address labour broking issue

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Cape Town – The ANC yesterday confirmed that legislation to address labour broking was on the cards.

“The ANC has noted that divergent views have recently been expressed within the alliance on the future of labour brokers,” spokesman Jessie Duarte said. As part of enriching “a robust debate”, the ANC respected other opinions on the matter.

“In line with its 2009 election manifesto, the ANC would like to set the record straight on its position regarding labour brokers,” Duarte said.

“To avoid exploitation of workers, ensure decent work for all workers, as well as protect employment relationships, the ANC government will introduce laws to regulate contract work, sub-contracting and outsourcing, address the problem of labour broking and prohibit certain abusive practices.”

To cover vulnerable workers in different legal relationships, ensuring the right to permanent employment for affected workers, the manifesto further stated that provisions would be introduced to facilitate the unionisation of workers and the conclusion of sectoral collective agreements.

The ANC was committed to redressing past exploitative practices at workplaces and would like to see the creation of decent work and sustainable livelihoods taking root in all sectors of the economy, Duarte added. – Sapa

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