



Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Parlement
Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 8 March 2018 (12h00), Chamber, 6th Floor, 7 Wale Street, Cape Town

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES, TOURISM AND AGRICULTURE

(Economic Development and Tourism; Agriculture)

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture

Democratic Alliance

Mackenzie, R (Alternate)
Maseko, M
Mnqasela,
Ms Schäfer, BA (Chairperson)

African National Congress

Nkondlo, N
Tyatyam, S (Alternate)

Apology

Joseph, B (EFF)

Standing Committee on Public Accounts

African Christian Democratic Party

Christians, F (Chairperson)

Democratic Alliance

Joseph, D
Mitchell, D

African National Congress

Beerwinkel, C (Alternate)
Tyatyam, S

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

Adams, Z, Committee Coordinator

The following persons were in attendance:

Please see attached attendance list

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson welcomed the Committee Members, the Minister of Economic Opportunities, officials from the Department of Agriculture, officials representing the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA), and invited Members of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

2. Briefing by the Minister and the Auditor-General of South Africa on the reasons the Department of Agriculture's 2016/17 Annual Report has not been tabled, the current status of the disagreement, and the process going forward

The Minister and the Chief Financial Officer for the Department, Mr F Huysamer, gave the Committee a brief overview of the timeline of communication between the Department and the AGSA regarding the dispute between the Department and the AGSA, which has resulted in the Department's 2016/17 Annual Report not being tabled.

The dispute between the Department and AGSA is derived from the AGSA's opinion that the Department has incorrectly classified goods and services as transfers and subsidies.

The Committee deliberated on the presentation by the Department and response of AGSA.

The Minister, the Department and the AGSA responded to questions and comments made by the Committee.

3. Resolutions/Actions

The Committee RESOLVED to:

- 3.1 Write a letter to the National Treasury to urge the national department to provide the Department of Agriculture and the AGSA with a response to the issue as soon as possible; and
- 3.2 Invite the AGSA, the Minister of Economic Opportunities and the Department of Agriculture to report back on the progress made in terms of resolving the issue.

The meeting adjourned at 13h40.

B. Schäfer

MS BA SCHÄFER, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES TOURISM AND
AGRICULTURE

Date: