



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

Wednesday, 8 October 2018 (08:30), Chamber, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 7 Wale Street, Cape Town

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES, TOURISM AND AGRICULTURE**  
*(Economic Development and Tourism; Agriculture)*

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members:**

**Democratic Alliance**

Maseko, M  
Mnqasela, M  
Schäfer, BA (Chairperson)

**African National Congress**

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**Additional Member**

Wiley, M (DA)

**Apologies**

Joseph, B (EFF)  
Tyatyam, S (ANC)(Alternate)

**The following persons were in attendance:**

**Department of Economic Development and Tourism**

Ms A Malik-Nair, Deputy Director  
Ms N Ntenetya, Director

**Department of Arts and Culture**

Ms K Sethebelo, Deputy Director-General: Institutional Governance

**South African Maritime Safety Authority**

Captain G Louw, Regional Manager: Western Region

## **Robben Island Museum**

Mr M Dada, Chief Executive Officer

Mr B Crocker, Chief Financial Officer

Ms Carly Bongers, Senior Risk Manager

Mr P Taruvinga, Chief Heritage Officer

Mr G Manana, Executive Manager: Infrastructure and Facilities Manager

Mr S Thandroyan, Senior Ferry Operations Manager

Mr M Ramaboa, Spokesperson

## **Western Cape Provincial Parliament**

Ms Z Adams, Committee Coordinator

### **1. Welcome and attendance**

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

### **2. Update by the South African Maritime Safety Authority on the implementation of the recommendations made in the incident report on the Robben Island ferry incident that occurred on 15 September 2017**

Captain Louw from the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) briefed the Committee on the subject at hand.

The Committee called for Robben Island Museum's (RIM) presentation before proceeding to the discussion portion of the meeting.

### **3. Update by Robben Island Museum on the implementation of the recommendations made in the incident report on the Robben Island ferry incident that occurred on 15 September 2017**

Mr Dada and his delegation briefed the Committee on the subject at hand.

The Committee deliberated on both briefings.

The Committee commended the work being done by RIM to address the concerns raised in the incident report.

### **4. Resolutions/Actions**

The Committee RESOLVED the following that:

- 4.1 The Committee would invite RIM, along with the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, Wesgro and related entities to its annual meeting on the tourism statistics;
- 4.2 SAMSA report to the Committee, in writing by Friday, 30 November 2018, on the legislative gaps that should be addressed in order for the sector to function optimally;
- 4.3 SAMSA clarify the recommendations made on page 15 of its incident report, regarding the proper usage and operational limitations of small passenger vessels below 25 tonnes;
- 4.4 SAMSA provide the Committee with the legislation and regulations it has proposed to the National Department of Transport for large vessels; and

4.5 RIM provide the Committee with a breakdown of the adjustments made to address the recommendations made in SAMSA's incident report, and the related costs for each adjustment.

4.6 The Committee further recommended that the Department of Economic Development and Tourism submit its report (requested by the Committee in June 2018) on the following, by 30 November 2018:

- 4.6.1 The standard of safety of tourists boarding vessels/ferries carrying up to 200 passengers at a time, along the Western Cape;
- 4.6.2 The capacity and resources of vessels transporting tourists to Robben Island;
- 4.6.3 The general state of ferry transportation-readiness for tourists along the Western Cape coastline; and
- 4.6.4 The Western Cape's services compared to cities/areas of similar demand in respect to the standard of safety for tourists on ferries.

The meeting adjourned at 10h50.



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**MR T SIMMERS, MPP**

**CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES, TOURISM AND AGRICULTURE**

**DATE: 29 NOVEMBER 2018**