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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Monday, 23 October 2023, (at 0800) Chamber, 6th Floor

PRESENT

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Pretorius, G (Chairperson)

Plato, D

Fry, C

African National Congress

Windvogel, R

Economic Freedom Fighters

Klaas, TM

Additional Members

Bans, A (ANC)

Persons in attendance

Attendance Register available.

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed everyone present and allowed for brief introductions.

2. Introduction

The 2023/24 strategic objectives of the WCPP linked to the Speaker's priorities, which have an impact on committees, are as follows:

Priority 1: Building a credible WCPP; and

Priority 3: Strengthening the core business.

The Western Cape Provincial Parliament's (WCPP) Annual Report programme for the 2022/23 financial year was advertised in newspapers, as well as the WCPP's social media platforms, inviting stakeholders and members of the public to attend and participate in the discussions.

The Standing Committee on Health and Wellness (the Committee) deliberated on the Annual Report of the Department of Health and Wellness (the Department) on 23 October 2023, as part of its oversight function. The Minister and the Head of Department were allowed to make opening remarks. The Department was examined on:

Part A: General Information,
Part B: Departmental Performance Information; and
Part D: Human Resources Management of the Department's Annual Report.

Members of the public were also allowed to pose questions and make input during the discussions.

3. Public input

The Committee allowed members of the public to give input during the meeting. Ms. Kiewiets, the Chairperson of the Klipfontein Community Health Forum, gave input during the meeting. The Department duly responded and gave clarity to all questions posed by Ms Kiewiets.

4. Resolution

The Committee resolved to conduct an oversight visit to the George Hospital to assess the Planet Youth Pilot Project.

5. Information requested

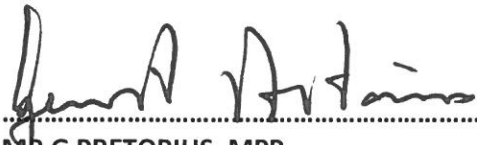
The Committee requested the Department of Health and Wellness to provide it with the following information by Friday, 24 November 2023:

- 5.2 Detailed information on the total number of hospitals exempted from load shedding.
- 5.3 Report on the reasons for the discontinuation of the HealthNet service to transport patients between George and Cape Town and how the Department is providing the service to patients in the absence of HealthNet services.
- 5.4 A status update on the infrastructure project of the *GF Jooste Hospital*.
- 5.5 Detailed information on the number of staff absorbed by the Department from the Bracken Gate Hospital.
- 5.6 Detailed information on the number of staff that will be employed for mental health services with the additional budget allocation and the health facilities earmarked to get additional staff allocation.

6. Conclusion

The Chairperson thanked Members of the Committee, the Minister, the Head of the Department, the departmental officials, and health stakeholders for their attendance, preparation, and responses to the questions posed by the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 13:00.



MR G PRETORIUS, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELLNESS
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