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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ENERGY CRISIS

Friday, 17 November 2023 (09h00), Virtual: Microsoft Teams

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Fry, C (Chairperson)

America, D

Maseko, M

Murray, C

Pretorius, G

Sileku, I

Van der Westhuizen, A

African National Congress

Dugmore, C

Nkondlo, N

African Christian Democratic Party

Christians, F

Al Jama-ah

Brinkhuis, K

Economic Freedom Fighters

Cassiem, A

GOOD

De Villiers, P

Apologies:

Baartman, D (DA)

Marais, P (FF Plus)

The following persons were in attendance:

See attached Public Attendance Register

Western Cape Provincial Parliament:

Ms L Cloete, Senior Procedural Officer

Ms M Mrubata, Committee Assistant

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed the Members, Dr K Ramokgopa, the Minister of Electricity and the officials from the Knysna Municipality. The Chairperson rendered the apologies received from Members Baartman and Marais.

The Deputy Mayor of Knysna Municipality, Mr Alberto Marbi rendered an apology for the Mayor of Knysna municipality.

The Chairperson explained the rules of engagement to Members and officials in respect of virtual meetings and then proceeded to the presentations.

The Chairperson allowed the Members of the Committee to introduce themselves, the Minister of Electricity, and officials as well as the representatives of the municipality.

2. Briefing by the Minister of Electricity on the current status of the Energy Crisis in South Africa and its effect on the Western Cape

Minister Ramokgopa briefed the Committee on the impact of loadshedding on the economy including highlighting the most affected sectors being impacted due to loadshedding and further provided the Committee with a recap of the Energy Action Plan and its priority outcomes.

The Minister provided an overview of ESKOMs generation performance from May 2023 until October 2023, a status update on the Kusile Power Station and current Energy projects. The Minister further provided the Committee with the current status update on the Independent Power Producer Programme, the load reduction interventions which includes upscaling rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) and solar water heating, the electricity distribution industry, supporting investment in private generation and the transmission industry reform including planned infrastructure requirements.

The Minister concluded the presentation with a summary of the impact of energy infrastructure in driving growth and provided a case study of South Africa's transmission infrastructure development plan.

The Chairperson opened the floor for deliberations on the presentation and the Committee deliberated on the presentation of the Minister.

The Chairperson requested members to send additional questions to be posed to the Minister in writing and the Minister will be requested to reply in writing. The Chairperson conveyed his appreciation for the engagement with the Minister and wished the Minister

a speedy recovery following his recent medical procedure and moved to the next item on the agenda.

The Minister thanked the Committee and indicated that he values the contributions of the Committee.

3.3 Engagement with the Knysna Municipality on the projected plans for the 2023/24 Energy Infrastructure allocations including the Emergency funding allocated to assist municipalities.

The Director of Technical Services and Acting Director for Infrastructure, Mr Grant MacDonald briefed the Committee on the R2.4 million emergency grant relief fund received and how it was utilised to acquire emergency power for various sewerage pump stations and municipal offices, and he further briefed the Committee on other projects in the municipality.

The Committee deliberated on the presentation by Knysna Municipality.

The Chairperson thanked Knysna municipality for its detailed presentation and informed Mr Ombali Sebola, the Municipal Manager of Knysna municipality to send the Committee Senior Procedural Officer a list of the challenges experienced at the municipality and the Committee will bring this to the attention of the relevant Standing Committee.

4. Resolutions/Actions

No resolutions/actions.

5. Committee matters

The Chairperson informed the Committee that Professor Chetty from the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University will brief the Committee early in 2024 on its efforts in energy cooperatives and community collaborations. The Chairperson thanked the Members for their engagement and the Sign Language Interpreters.

The meeting adjourned at 16:31.



MR C FRY, MPP
CHAIRPERSON: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ENERGY CRISIS
DATE: 17 APRIL 2024

