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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

Friday, 22 March 2024 (08:00), Virtual via MS Teams

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Murray, C (Chairperson)
Sileku, I
Van der Westhuizen, A

African National Congress

Nkondlo, N

AI JAMA-AH

Brinkhuis, K

African National Congress

Nkondlo, N

The following persons were in attendance:

National Treasury

Mr W Mathebula, Chief Director: SCM Policy and Legal
Adv E Van Schoor, Chief Director: Legislation
Ms L Pietersen, Director: SCM Policy and Legal
Ms P Mashabane, Director: SCM Policy and Legal
Ms M Nxumalo, Director: SCM Policy and Legal

Provincial Treasury

Ms N Ebrahim, Director
Ms L Cupido, Assistant Director

Department of the Premier

Mr N Dias, Legal Adviser

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

Ms Z Adams, Procedural Officer

Ms L Cloete, Senior Procedural Officer

Ms M Mrubata, Committee Assistant

Ms M Khoele, Legal Adviser

Mr R Maasdorp, Legal Adviser

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the Departmental officials, Members of Provincial Parliament present and members of the public. The Chairperson explained the rules of engagement in virtual meetings and noted that there were no apologies.

2. Deliberations on the Department's responses to submissions on the Public Procurement Bill [B 18B - 2023]

The National Treasury briefed the Committee on their responses to the submissions the Committee received on the Public Procurement Bill (the Bill).

The Members asked questions based on the content presented.

Before the Committee dismissed the National Treasury, the Chairperson thanked the officials for their responses to the submissions and for making time for the briefing, even though they were inundated with work in respect of the Bill.

3. Deliberations on the negotiating mandate for the Public Procurement Bill [B 18B-2023]

The Chairperson indicated that the Members were encouraged to express their thoughts and views on the Public Procurement Bill (the Bill).

Members Murray, Van der Westhuizen and Sileku proposed possible amendments and noted several concerns that were then included in the negotiating mandate.

Members Murray, Van der Westhuizen and Sileku indicated that they conferred on the NCOP delegation the authority not to support the Bill, with the reasons provided in the negotiating mandate.

The African National Congress registered its minority view, in accordance with Standing Rule 90, to support the Bill.

4. Deliberations on the final mandate for the Upstream Petroleum Resources Development Bill [B 13B-2021]

The Chairperson indicated that the Members were encouraged to express their thoughts and views on the final mandate for the Upstream Petroleum Resources Development Bill (the Bill). The Committee noted that the NCOP did not make further amendments to the Bill after discussing the negotiating mandates received from all the provinces.

The Committee further noted that the NCOP's Select Committee had not even considered any of the proposals/amendments made by the Western Cape.

Members Murray, Van der Westhuizen and Sileku indicated that they conferred on the NCOP delegation the authority not to support the Bill.

The African National Congress and Al Jama-ah registered their minority view, in accordance with Standing Rule 90, to support the Bill.

5. Resolutions/Action

5.1 The Committee REQUESTED that the National Treasury provide the Committee with its benchmarking studies on public procurement as discussed.

5.2 The Committee RESOLVED to express its gratitude to the procedural staff that were under immense pressure to process the various pieces of legislation under very tight timelines.

The meeting adjourned at 11h45.



MS CAT MURRAY, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

Date: 6 May 2024