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DRAFT MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE

Friday, 23 August 2024 (at 09:00) Committee Room 2

PRESENT:

Members

Democratic Alliance

Wessels, DJ (Chairperson)
Bryant, DW
Johnson, P
Mbombo, N

GOOD

Herron, BN

Persons who were in attendance

Ministry: Infrastructure

Simmers, TA, Minister: Infrastructure
Hartnick, C, Head of Office
Smart, C, Community Outreach Officer

Department of Infrastructure

Adv. C Smith, Head of Department: Infrastructure
Dr G Kode, Acting Deputy Director: Policy and Strategy Integration
Ms P Masiko-Kambala, Director: Policy and Research
Ms S Andrews, Chief Directorate: Financial Management
Mr J Bakker, Deputy Director: Communications
Mr A November, Acting Chief Director: Road Programme Management
Ms M Van Wyngaard, Acting Chief Director: Road Departmental Operations
Mr M Hendricks, Chief Director: Design Services
Ms L Schuurman, Deputy Director-General: Human Settlements
Ms A Campbell, Acting Deputy Director-General: Provincial Public Works
Ms M Barker, Chief Director: Road Planning
Ms P van der Merwe, Acting Chief Financial Officer
Mr B Rahim, Director: Financial Governance

Media

Mr S Goni, Journalist: Daily Maverick

Ms S Payne, Journalist: Daily Maverick

1. Opening and Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed all in attendance.

In his opening remarks, Minister Simmers outlined the Department's key priorities for the financial year. These include accelerating infrastructure delivery, utilising alternative delivery models, and integrating building technology and Artificial Intelligence solutions. The Department aims to engage private sector partnerships, seek new funding sources, and focus on skill development to build a trusted infrastructure pipeline.

2. Briefing by the Department of Infrastructure

Adv. Smith informed the Committee that the Department received its 12th clean audit. She proceeded to list the Departments Budget allocations which were broken down as follows:

- Administration: An amount of R372 595 million was allocated;
- Public Works: R2 406 billion was allocated;
- Transport: R5 186 billion was allocated;
- Human Settlements: R2 232 billion was allocated; and
- Community-Based Interventions: R74 437 million was allocated.

Additionally, further allocations were made to conditional grants and earmarked allocations.

The Department reported a Cost of Employment spending of 22.1% by the end of June 2024. A total of 819 vacancies were reported, with 138 posts approved for advertisement as part of the Departments Phase 4 submissions. Additionally, 68% of the posts on the establishment were filled.

The estimated cost to repair flood-damaged infrastructure from June 2023 to July 2024 is R1 803 455 050 billion. However, only R350 million of the R845 million Flood Relief Fund was received for rebuilding the affected infrastructure. A task team was formed to clean riverbeds to prevent future flooding. The Department plans to ensure that new infrastructure is more resilient to climate change impacts. The success of these actions will depend on the budget and may take a few years to complete, considering the reduction in the overall Transport Infrastructure budget.

Further discussions ensued on the Turnkey Project, the Helen Barden Project and the Informal Settlement Support Plan.

3. Recommendations/Actions

3.1 The Committee requested that the Department:

- 3.1.1 brief the Committee on its proposal to relocate those in occupation of the Woodstock Hospital;
- 3.1.2 brief the Committee on its Turnkey Development Programme, with specific reference to the release of land in response to the funding shortages for social housing;

- 3.1.3 brief the Committee on the future plans for the Helen Bowden Nurses Home and the those in occupation of the building;
 - 3.1.4 brief the Committee on the Department's Climate Readiness Strategy;
 - 3.1.5 a report on the Departments assessment of the capabilities and capacity of local municipalities in delivering infrastructure projects; and
 - 3.1.6 a progress report of the rehabilitation efforts of the Citrusdal Municipality following the recent flood disaster. The report should include the ongoing and planned rehabilitation projects, obstacles encountered and strategies to overcome them.
- 3.2 The Committee resolved to conduct all future Committee meetings online via MS Teams unless an in-person meeting would be required.

The Committee adjourned at 11:20.



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MR DJ WESSELS (MPP)

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE

DATE: 10/09/2024