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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

*Monday, 14 October 2024 (at 08:00), Chamber, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Legislature Building*

#### **PRESENT**

#### **Members**

##### **Democratic Alliance**

Bryant, D W (Chairperson)  
Johnson, P  
Wessels, D J  
Van Minnen, B M (Alternate)

##### **African National Congress**

Stoffel, B N

##### **Apologies**

Constable, N (PA)  
Masipa, N P (DA)  
Marais, G P (FFP)

##### **Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning**

Mr A Bredell, Minister for Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning  
Mr G Gerber, Head of Department  
Mr A Gaffoor, Director: Strategic and Operational Support (acting CD Management Support)  
Mr J Fritz, Director Finance / Chief Financial Officer  
Mr A Mohamed, Chief Director: Environmental Governance, Policy Coordination and Enforcement  
Mr P Hardcastle, Director: Planning and Policy Coordination  
Mr A Bassier, Director: Environmental Law Enforcement  
Ms J Keet, Acting Director: Environmental Governance  
Ms K Shippey, Chief Director: Environmental Sustainability  
Mr R Mukanya, Director: Sustainability  
Mr G Isaacs, Director: Climate Change

Ms M Laros, Director: Biodiversity and Coastal Management  
Mr G Arendse, Chief Director: Environmental Quality  
Dr J Leaner, Director: Air Quality  
Mr S Haider, Director: Waste Management  
Ms N Davis Wolmarans, Director: Pollution and Chemicals Management  
Mr F Mabusela, Chief Director: Development Planning  
Mr Z Toefy, Director Development Management Region 1  
Mr K Munro, Director Development Management Region 2  
Ms T Jordan, Director Development Facilitation  
Ms H Jacobs, Director: Development Planning, Intelligence Management and Research

## **CapeNature**

Prof D Hendricks – outgoing Chairperson of the CapeNature Board  
Ms K Loubser – Chairperson of the CapeNature Board  
Dr A Naidoo – Chief Executive Officer  
Mr M Bhayat – Chief Financial Officer  
Ms C Birss – Executive Director: Biodiversity Capabilities  
Mr M Jacobs – Acting Executive Director: Conservation Operations  
Mr S Ismail – Executive Director: Eco-Tourism and Access  
Mr B Barnes – General Manager: Strategy, Governance and Risk  
Mr E Hardy – Team Leader: Risk and Performance

### **The following person was in attendance:**

Mr J Coetzee, Procedural Officer  
Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant  
Ms C Morris, ICT Support  
Mr S Hassan, ICT Support

## **1. Opening and Welcome**

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, the Head of Department, CapeNature and the Departmental officials.

## **2. Deliberation on the Annual Report of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning for the 2023/24 financial year**

The Minister and Head of Department provided a brief overview of the Annual Report of the Department, focussing on the highlights and challenges during the 2023/24 financial year. The Department received an unqualified audit opinion and successfully achieved over 90% of their planned targets.

The Committee proceeded to a discussion on Part A: General Information, Part B: Performance Information and Part D: Human Resource Management of the Annual Report.

The Committee deliberated.

### **3. Deliberation on the Annual Report of CapeNature for the 2023/24 financial year**

Minister Bredell, Dr Naidoo and Prof D Hendricks, outgoing Chairperson of the CapeNature Board provided a brief overview of the Annual Report of the Department, focussing on the highlights and challenges during the 2023/24 financial year.

The Committee proceeded to a discussion on Part A: General Information, Part B: Performance Information and Part D: Human Resource Management of the Annual Report.

The Committee deliberated.

### **4. Resolutions**

The Committee RESOLVED:

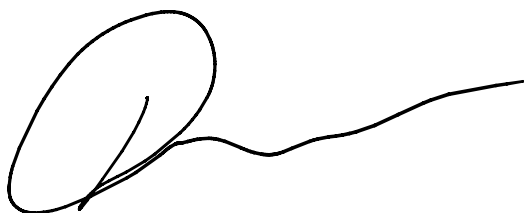
- 4.1 That the Department and CapeNature consider increasing their collaboration with the Expanded Public Works Programme to create job opportunities and alleviate poverty, particularly in rural and remote areas of the Western Cape; and
- 4.2 That the Procedural Officer gather information on whether a briefing was conducted on the Environmental Commissioner and to provide an update on the status.

### **5. Acknowledgement**

The Committee commended the Department for their performance during the 2023/24 financial year. The Department received an unqualified audit opinion and successfully achieved over 90% of their planned targets.

The Chairperson thanked the Members of the Committee, the Minister, the Head of Department and all the officials of the Department for their preparation and responses to the questions raised by the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 09:15.



**MR D BRYANT, MPP**

**CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**