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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

***Tuesday, 15 October 2024(at 08h00), Parliamentary Chamber, 6th Floor, 7 Wale Street, Cape Town
(IN-PERSON)***

***Deliberation on the Annual Report of the Western Cape Education Department (WCED)
for the 2023/2024 financial year.***

PRESENT

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Van Wyk, LD (Chairperson)
Walters, TCR
Kaizer-Philander, WF
Booyesen, M

African National Congress

Sayed, MK

African Christian Democratic Party

Christians, FC

Patriotic alliance

Stephens, DR

Additional

Windvogel, R (ANC)
Cassiem, A (EFF)

Persons in attendance

See attached attendance register of WCED officials and guess

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson opened the meeting and allowed for brief introductions. He provided context for the meeting as well as the format of proceedings.

2. Deliberations on the Annual Report of the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) for the 2023/2024 financial year

Before proceeding to the consideration of the report, the Minister of Education, Mr D Maynier and the Head of Department, Mr B Walters were given an opportunity to make opening remarks

Members of the Committee deliberated on Part A: General Information, Part B: Departmental Programme Performance and Part D: Human Resource Management of the Department's Annual Report

The Committee deliberated on the discussion of the Annual Report of the Western Cape Education Department.

The Committee allowed members of the public to give input on the Annual Report of the WCED. Ms N Ely, a member of the public, Mr T Smith, a member of the Special Action Committee Education, Mr F Hunter, a member of the Athletics for Community Transformation, and civil society gave their input. The Minister and the Head of the Department duly responded to the issues raised by all members of the public.

3. Resolutions

The Committee RESOLVED that:

- 3.1. The World Bank be invited to brief the Committee on its Strategy in South Africa.
- 3.2. The WCED be invited to brief the Committee on its entire education funding model, including how resources are allocated and budgeted.
- 3.3. The WCED and the Department of Basic Education be invited to brief the Committee on the quintile system, which needs to be evaluated and maybe reformed to guarantee a more equitable distribution of resources, especially for schools in underprivileged areas.
- 3.4. The WCED to brief on the underperforming of schools, including an analysis of the plans for school improvement plans and the approach the WCED has taken to raise the performance of those schools.
- 3.5. The WCED to brief on the Safety Ambassadors programme. The Committee recommended that the WCED should enhance safety measure in schools by including better coordination with local law enforcement and community safety programmes with other provincial departments.
- 3.6. Based on input from the WCED and other agencies, the Committee should investigate other transversal educational models that incorporate Community Safety, DSD, and Health.
- 3.7. The committee should conduct an oversight visit to Witzenberg to assess the Learner Transport Scheme, with a focus on Morrisdale Primary School. Additionally, the Committee should be briefed by the WCED on the roadworthiness and safety of the vehicles used for learner transportation, as well as the effects of transportation cancellations on rural communities.
- 3.8. Regarding the quintile system, the Committee resolved to consult with the National Assembly's Portfolio Committee on Education. Considering the matter has been brought up numerous times, the Committee would also discuss the quintile matter with the chairpersons of the Portfolio Committees of Education in other provinces. Then possibly raise this matter as a collective.
- 3.9. The Committee would engage with the WCED and municipalities around identifying and preparing land for new school developments, placement of schools, zoning and ensuring land use rights are in place to facilitate investment.

4. Request for Information

The Committee REQUESTED the WCED to provide the following information:

- 4.1. A report on Blue Network Consortium's R1.2 billion tender, which the State Information Technology Agency (SITA) deemed to be irregular in terms of supply chain management.
- 4.2. The technical report on each district's pass rate.
- 4.3. The examination's diagnostic report focused on the areas in which schools had performed poorly. The examination expenses, which comprise a thorough analysis of the costs of external exams, including those related to professional services, grading, and security precautions, should also be included in the report.
- 4.4. The strategies for school improvement of the underperforming schools, or an example of one.
- 4.5. A report on the issues raised regarding the learner transport at Morrisdale Primary School.
- 4.6. The results of the 20 independent schools (illegal schools) that were investigated for non-compliance. These results should include a full report of the areas, schools' names and number of learners at those schools.
- 4.7. A report on the infrastructure matter at the Sir Lowry's Pass High School.
- 4.8. A report on the contractor tender matter relating to the Manenberg School of Skills School.
- 4.9. A list and the status of court cases that the WCED is involved with, including Mr Neumann's case.

The Committee adjourned at 12h45.

MPP, MR LD VAN WYK
CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT



**WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
MEMBERS ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

Date: Tuesday, 15 October 2024

Time: 08:00-13:00

Venue: Chamber, 6th Floor, 7 Wale Street, Cape Town

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Western Cape Provincial Parliament

Standing Committee on Education

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