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STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICE OVERSIGHT, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT

Wednesday, 21 August 2024 (13h00, Chamber)

(DCAS 2024/25 Annual Performance Plan)

Democratic Alliance

Walters, TCR (Chairperson)

Booyesen, M

Kaizer-Philander, WF

Van Minnen, BM

African National Congress

Ngqentsu, MB

Economic Freedom Fighters

Cassiem, A

Patriotic Alliance

Stephens, DR

See attached register for a list of persons in attendance.

1. Welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting, welcoming all guests. After brief introductions, the Chairperson stated the purpose of the meeting which was to (a) receive and introductory briefing by the Department Cultural Affairs and Sport, as well as a summation of its Annual Performance Plan (APP) for 2024/25, and (b), to discuss suggestions to populate the committee programme.

2. Presentation

Minister RD Mackenzie and Mr G Redman, Head of Department, led the presentation. The Department provided a summation of its APP that included its key indicators. The Minister presented the five ministerial priorities. These include Heritage Western Cape, sporting and cultural event hubs, culture and heritage, re-imagining libraries, and re-introducing school sports. The Department thereafter presented social cohesion, a focus on youth, and improved mental wellbeing, as the core principles and strategies of its managed network model. The Department thereafter delved into its various programmes and subprogrammes.

3. Salient points from the presentation

- 3.1. The ministerial priorities, although separately named, are integrated due to the nature the nature of the Department's aims. The preservation of culture and heritage is not isolated to infrastructure but also to the maintenance of language use, especially indigenous languages. Similarly, physical and mental well-being can be realised and promoted through spaces, social cohesive activities, sport, reading, cultural practices and many other mediums.
- 3.2. The Department presented on its various programmes. The subprogramme on Libraries was a focal point given the Department's vision to transform libraries. The Department aims to repurpose and modernise libraries into digital hubs. Promoting resources such as e-books, audio books, and training to enhance digital literacy practices, will be phased in to make libraries more appealing to more youthful audiences. This initiative emanates from a collaboration with the University of Cape Town to design new ways of using libraries.
- 3.3. The Department is working with the Western Cape Education Department to register all learners as library users.
- 3.4. The process to formalise provincial legislation specific to libraries is now in the public comment phase.
- 3.5. The Department funds 232 libraries, however only 181 have internet connectivity. The Department annually seeks to equip especially rural libraries with internet access. Libraries located in correctional service facilities are purposefully not equipped with internet connectivity.
- 3.6. The Provincial Archives is the bedrock for preserving rich cultural heritage and histories. The Department is set to place a moratorium on storing hardcopy government files due to spacing, but also to encourage departments to store files digitally.
- 3.7. The Department informed of its hosting of a Records Management Symposium in September 2024.
- 3.8. The Department's Sports Directorate is split into Sport Promotion and Sport Development and Recreation. The Department indicated its plans to revitalise school sport and the after-school programme that includes the Mass participation; Opportunity and access; Development and growth (MOD).
- 3.9. The Department has an agreement with the City of Cape Town regarding implementation protocol for municipal sports facilities.
- 3.10. In collaboration with the WCED, the Department built shared sports facilities. There are six such facilities with more planned.
- 3.11. The Western Cape Government's Year Beyond programme has expanded to the Eastern Cape due to the recognition of its success.
- 3.12. The Department briefly presented on the three entities, namely, Heritage Western Cape, the Western Cape Language Committee and the Western Cape Cultural Commission. The Department gave an overview of the mandates of these entities, as well as the Standing Committee's role in shortlisting board membership when there are vacancies or terms of office expire.

The Committee deliberated on the presentation.

The Chairperson excused the Minister and the Department.

4. Request for information

The Committee requested the department to provide the following information:

- 4.1. A status update on whether the Western Cape Government partners with the Drakenstein Municipality to address the multi-phased development of *Die Kraal* Sports Development, Paarl.
- 4.2. Following the severe vandalism of the public library in Nduli, Witzenberg, please give an indication of whether the Department's business plan has provision to rebuild the library.

5. Draft Committee Programme

The Committee briefly discussed the draft committee programme and agreed to submit suggestions to the Procedural Officer for future activities including both proposed oversight visits and content-driven meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 16h35.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MCR Walters', written in a cursive style.

MR TCR WALTERS (MPP)

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICE OVERSIGHT, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT

WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

Annexure A: Attendance Register for 21 August 2024

WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE SECTION

Standing Committee on Police Oversight, Cultural Affairs and Sport



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