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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Tuesday 4 March 2025 (at 13:00), Committee Room 2, 4th Floor, 7 Wale Street, Cape Town

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

Bryant, DW Masipa, NP (Chairperson) Mbombo, N Wessels, DJ (Online)

African National Congress

Nkondlo, ND

Patriotic Alliance

Constable, N

Al Jama-ah

Brinkhuis, G

The following persons were in attendance:

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

Ms S Niekerk, Procedural Officer Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant Mr S Hassan, Information Technology Assistant Ms A Mtimkulu, Researcher

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee and the officials from the Western Cape Provincial Parliament.

2. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Minutes

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of 15, 28 and 29 November 2024, which were considered and adopted.

3. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Report on an oversight visit to Elsenburg on 5 November 2024

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Report which was considered an adopted.

4. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Report on an oversight visit to the Atlantis Special Economic Zone and the Freeport Saldanha Industrial Development Zone on 28 and 29 January 2025

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Report which was considered and adopted.

5. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Quarterly Report (October – December 2024)

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Quarterly Report, which was considered and adopted.

6. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Tracking Document as at 4 March 2025

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Tracking Document, which was considered and adopted.

7. Discussion on Draft Committee Business Plan for 2025/26 financial year

The Chairperson provided the Committee with the Draft Business Plan and explained that the agenda items as listed in the Business Plan were derived from the outstanding resolutions on the Tracking Document. The Chairperson further informed the Committee that the Committee Programme was mostly influenced by committee resolutions, current affairs and matters that directly impacted on the agricultural sector and provincial economy. The Chairperson also requested the Committee to prioritise items on the Draft Business Plan and to indicate which matters were regarded as critical.

A discussion followed regarding the key issues the Committee would like to focus on in the 2025/26 financial year.

8. Resolutions

The Committee **RESOLVED** that it would:

- 8.1 Agriculture Commodity Group Oversight: Prioritise a full day engagement with the agricultural industry to understand their challenges so that it could escalate these challenges to the relevant executive authority;
- 8.2 Agriculture & Wine Tourism Oversight in South Peninsula: Following the engagement with the agricultural industry, explore the possibility of organising a guided tour of the wine farms in the Constantia Berg region to discuss their historical background, as well as any concerns and challenges;
- 8.3 Law-Making: Following the engagement with the agricultural industry, consider initiating legislation that creates a supportive environment for all relevant parties and social partners;
- 8.4 Food Security: Prioritise the matter of food security to ensure that households have the means to access and maintain food security, while recognising it as one of the most significant

- challenges being faced and acknowledging that food security encompasses both an agricultural component and broader economic development;
- 8.5 Airport Oversight: Undertake an oversight visit to the Cape Winelands Airport to assess the progress on construction;
- 8.6 Job for Growth Metrics Oversight: Conduct consistent oversight on the Growth for Jobs Strategy, particularly regarding the targets set for the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Economic Development and Tourism in order to track progress and ensure accountability;
- 8.7 SALGA Engagement: In relation to the Committee resolution on 20 August 2024 where the Committee resolved that it would invite the South African Local Government Association to brief it on the Small-Town Regeneration Programme and that an invitation would also be extended to WESGRO and the Department of Economic Development and Tourism to ensure a holistic discussion that encompasses both tourism promotion and broader municipal support for small towns, that the Department of Infrastructure and Local Government also be invited to the engagement;
- 8.8 Business Plan: Include the ministerial priorities on the Committee's Business Plan; and
- 8.9 International Study Tour: Invite the Research Section to brief the Committee on the research document prepared for the international study visit, explaining the process used to select the three proposed countries based on the research brief.

9. General

- 9.1 The Chairperson informed the Committee that he had sent a letter to Air Traffic Navigation Services expressing concerns about operations at the Cape Town International Airport and the George Airport, and that a meeting was requested before 30 April 2025.
- 9.2 The Researcher provided an explanation of the research component related to the Committee's application to the Speaker for an international study visit and offered the Committee a brief overview of the research conducted.
- 9.3 The Procedural Officer provided the Committee with an update on the status of the application to the Speaker to conduct an international study visit in the 2025/26 financial year.
- 9.4 The Chairperson informed the Committee that he, along with the Procedural Officer, would consider all the resolutions raised and make amendments to the Draft Committee Business Plan, adjusting the order of priority and including any additional items, as necessary.

10. Closing

The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to the members and officials for their participation in the proceedings.

The meeting adjourned at 14:13.

MR NP MASIPA, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Date: 22 April 2025