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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Tuesday 22 April 2025 (at 08:00), Casidra Offices, 22 Louws, Southern Paarl

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

Bryant, DW

Masipa, NP (Chairperson)

Mbombo, N

African National Congress

Nkondlo, ND

Patriotic Alliance

Constable, N

Al Jama-ah

Brinkhuis, G

Apologies:

Mr DJ Wessels, Member

Dr I Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Agriculture

Dr M Sebopetsa, Head of Department

Mr J Aries, Acting Chief Director - Agricultural Producer Support and Development

Dr D Troskie, Director - Business Planning and Strategy

Mr T Morokong, Senior Agricultural Economist

Casidra

Dr K du Plessis, Chief Executive Officer

Department of Economic Development and Tourism

Mr G Dingaen, Director - Agri-Processing

Western Cape Tourism, Trade and Investment Promotion Agency

Ms R Swigelaar, Senior Portfolio Manager -Foreign Direct Investment

Ms N Saki, Portfolio Manager- Investment Facilitation

Agricultural Business Chamber of South Africa

Mr W Sihlobo, Chief Economist

Agri-Western Cape

Mr J Strydom, Chief Executive Officer

Citrus Growers Association

Mr G Hill, Director

Summer Citrus

Ms S Conradie, Chief Executive Officer

Hortgro

Mr A Rabe, Executive Director

SA Wine

Mr R Basson, Chief Executive Officer

National Wool Growers Association

Mr D Kriek, General Manager

Mr J Fourie, Production Advisor Western Cape

Milk Producers Organisation

Mr F Ferreira, Chief Executive Officer

Ms L du Toit, Regional Manager Western Cape

South African Pork Producers Organisation

Ms K Senyatsi, Head - Business Development

Red Meat Producer Association

Mr L Wessels, Manager

Berries South Africa

Mr B Walsh, Chief Executive Officer

Ms E Schutte, Operations Manager

WCPP Officials

Ms S Niekerk, Procedural Officer

Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant

Mr W Naidoo, Administrative Officer - Security and Facilities Management

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, the departmental officials and the agricultural industry stakeholders, after which Dr Sebopetsa proceeded to do the opening address.

2. Briefing by the Agricultural Business Chamber of South Africa

The Agricultural Business Chamber provided the Committee with a presentation on the macro-level overview of the economic outlook. The presentation also included an industry-specific analysis, highlighting both the regulatory and policy-related challenges currently constraining the sector, as well as recent positive developments and progress within the agricultural industry.

3. Briefing by Agricultural Industry Associations

Agri-Western Cape, the Citrus Growers' Association, Summer Fruit South Africa, Hortgro, SA Wine, the National Wool Growers' Association, the Milk Producers' Organisation, the South African Pork Producers' Organisation, and the Red Meat Producers' Association provided the Committee with a comprehensive overview of the structure of the agricultural economy in the Western Cape and its broader contribution to national agricultural development in South Africa.

The stakeholders outlined key challenges specific to their respective industries, with particular reference to constraints impacting productivity, growth, and market potential within the province. In addition, the presentations expanded on existing sector support mechanisms and highlighted opportunities for innovation, expansion, and investment across the value chains.

The Committee deliberated.

4. Resolutions

4.1 The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Agriculture provides it with:

- 4.1.1 An update on the current status and progress of the draft Veterinary Bill;
- 4.1.2 A proposed plan or intervention to support the South African Pork Producers Organisation in establishing a more formal and structured organisational framework; and
- 4.1.3 An update on the current biosecurity measures in place, as well as the associated budget allocations and expenditure related to biosecurity.

4.2. The Committee **RECOMMENDED** that the Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism engage with the following national counterparts and provide regular updates to the Committee:

- 4.2.1 The Minister of Employment and Labour, regarding ongoing changes in labour legislation affecting the agricultural sector, particularly in relation to the alignment of the sector with Employment Equity (EE) requirements. The Committee noted that the rigid application of EE targets, without due consideration for the unique characteristics of the agricultural sector, posed significant compliance challenges; and
- 4.2.2 The Minister of Home Affairs, regarding the issue of illegal foreign nationals. The Committee emphasised the need for urgent and collaborative intervention to address this matter, as it impacted not only employment compliance but also broader concerns related to rural safety and social stability.

The Chairperson requested members to submit further resolutions to the Procedural Officer in writing.

5. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Minutes

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of 4 March, 28 March and 1 April 2025 that were considered and adopted.

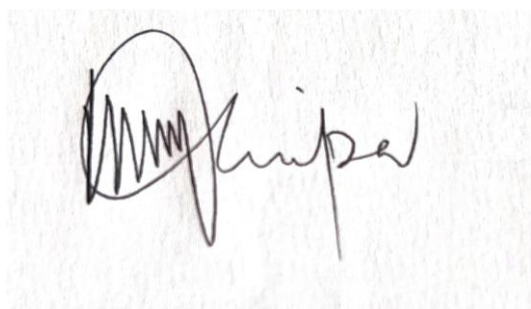
6. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Report on oversight visit to the Port of Cape Town on 18 March 2025

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

7. Closing

The Chairperson expressed sincere appreciation to the members of the Committee and to the stakeholders from the agricultural industry for their valuable contributions and constructive engagement, which significantly contributed to the success of the meeting. A special word of thanks was extended to the Chief Executive Officer of Casidra for generously making the venue available and for the support provided by his staff throughout the day and to the Head of the Department of Agriculture for the support afforded to agricultural stakeholders in the province.

The meeting adjourned at 16:40.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Masipa', is written over a light blue grid background.

MR NP MASIPA, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Date: 18 June 2025