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Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Wednesday 4 June 2025 (at 11:00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

Bosman, G (Additional member)

Bryant, DW

Masipa, NP (Chairperson)

Mbombo, N

Wessels, DJ

African National Congress

Nkondlo, ND

Stoffels, BN (Additional member)

Patriotic Alliance

Constable, N

Al Jama-ah

Brinkhuis, G

Apologies

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

Ms J Johnston, Head of Department of Economic Development and Tourism

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Economic Development and Tourism

Mr R Toefy, Acting Head of Department

Ms M Abrahams, Chief Financial Officer

Ms I van Schalkwyk, Chief Director - Economic Sector Support

Mr N Joseph, Chief Director - Skills Development

Mr T Parle, Chief Director - Digital Economy

Mr John Peters, Chief Director - Economic Enablement

Mr H Jonker, Director - Industrial Coordination

Ms O Dyers, Director - Digital Leadership

Mr J Wolmarans, Director - Enterprise Development
Ms M Ellis, Director - Red Tape Reduction
Ms C Julies, Director - Strategic and Operational Support
Ms M Parker, Director - Provincial Skills Partnership
Ms Rahima Loghdey, Director - Skills Incentives
Ms F Dharsey, Director - Municipal Economic Support
Mr G Dingaen, Director - Agri-Processing Sector
Mr T Chiweya, Director - Research
Mr J Stoltz, Director - Tourism
Ms C van Niekerk, Acting Director - Skills Programmes and Projects
Mr F Abrahams, Acting Director - Cape Catalyst
Mr R Le Bron, Deputy Director - Management Accounting
Ms Priyanka Moodley, Assistant Director - Management Accounting
Ms C Titus, Assistant Director – Office of the Head of Department

Western Cape Destination Marketing, Investment and Trade Promotion Agency (WESGRO)

Dr S Zinn, Board Chairperson
Ms W Stander, Chief Executive Officer
Ms G Darries, Chief of Staff
Mr S Gcwabe, Chief Financial Officer
Mr S Ndwandwa, Audit and Risk Chairperson

Freeport Saldanha Industrial Development Zone (FSIDZ)

Mr X Sithole, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Mr H Boneschan, Chief Financial Officer
Mr S Marthinus, Legal Adviser
Mr C Joseph, Executive – Stakeholder Management

Atlantis Special Economic Zone (ASEZ)

Mr M Cullinan, Chief Executive Officer
Ms W Saib, Chief Financial Officer
Ms F Brand, Company Secretary
Ms O Mpahlwa, Financial Accountant

WCPP Officials

Ms S Niekerk, Procedural Officer
Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant
Ms C Morris, Information Technology Assistant

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, the Acting Head of Department, the Chairperson of the Wesgro Board, Chief Executive Officers of WESGRO, SBIDZ and ASEZ, departmental officials, and those who were watching the live proceedings on YouTube.

The Chairperson informed all present that the The Western Cape Appropriation Bill was re-tabled on 3 June 2025 for referral to and consideration by the various standing committees.

2. Deliberation on Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 4–2025]

The Department briefed the Committee on Vote 12 in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 4–2025], and indicated that the detailed information presented during the earlier briefing on 1 April 2025 remained valid and unchanged.

The Committee deliberated after which it agreed to support the Vote. The African National Congress and Al Jama-ah did not support the Vote.

3. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Report on Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 4–2025]

Upon conclusion of its deliberations the Chairperson submitted a Draft Report. The African National Congress and Al Jama-ah requested that their minority view be included in the Report, after which the Report was considered and adopted.

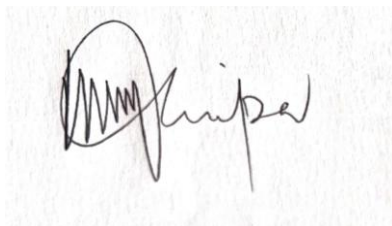
4. Resolutions/Actions

- 4.1 The Committee REQUESTED that Freeport Saldanha Industrial Development Zone provides it by 30 June 2025 with a report outlining the finalisation and content of the Sustainable Strategy for the Skills Centre; and the current operational status of the Skills Centre, including whether training is presently taking place and whether learners are currently enrolled or engaged in activities at the centre.
- 4.2 The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Economic Development and Tourism provides it with a report on the progress of the impact assessment of the Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMME) Booster Fund which is currently underway. The Committee further requests that the final report of the impact assessment be submitted to the Committee upon its completion.

4. Closing

The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to the members, the Acting Head of Department, and officials for their contribution to the success of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:22.

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