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Annual Committee Report of the Budget Committee for the 2024/25 financial year, dated, as follows:

From 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 the Committee comprised of the following members:

Permanent Members :

Johnson, P (DA)(Chairperson)

Masipa, NP (DA)

Mbombo, N (DA)

Petrus B (PA)

Stoffels, BN (ANC)

Wessels, D J (DA)

Alternate Members

Booyesen, M (DA)

Kaizer-Philander, WF (DA)

Bryant, DW (DA)

Nkondlo, ND (ANC)

Van Minnen, BM (DA)

Van Wyk, LD (DA)

Walters, TCR (DA)

1. Introduction

The mandate of the Budget Committee comprises of the following mandate (according to Standing Rule 109 of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament (WCPP)):

The powers and functions of the Budget Committee are to:

- 1.1 Consider and make recommendations to the House on Budget allocations in the annual Medium Term Budget Policy Statement as well as the main budget, the Budget Review and the relevant bills with a view to improving spending effectiveness and efficiency;
- 1.2 Review and assess overall provincial expenditure and non-financial reports on a quarterly basis for spending efficiency and effectiveness;
- 1.3 Engage the provincial government on spending patterns;
- 1.4 Perform such other tasks assigned to it by resolution of the House; and
- 1.5 Ensure public involvement in all budgetary processes.

3. Department that report to the Budget Committee

In fulfillment of this mandate, the Budget Committee works closely together with Provincial Treasury and National Treasury to oversee provincial expenditure and to ensure that Provincial Treasury provides sound strategic financial leadership to the Western Cape.

To this extent the Budget Committee met with Provincial Treasury on a quarterly basis to discuss the financial and non-financial performance information relevant to each departmental budget Vote. These briefings proved particularly insightful, as the Chairperson's of the respective Standing Committees (who serve on the Budget Committee) took note of various spending successes and shortcomings pertinent to their portfolios.

4. Overview of Committee's activities

Number of Committee Meetings	7
Number of Public Hearings	7
Number of International Study Tours	0
Number of Oversight Visits	0
Number of Provincial Bills considered	2
Number of NCOP Bills considered	1
Workshops/conferences attended	0

5. Oversight activities

On 5th July 2024, the Budget Committee (the Committee) met virtually to elect a Chairperson. Mr. Johnson was nominated by Mr. Mapisa and seconded by Mr. Wessels, with no other nominations received. Mr. Johnson was duly elected as Chairperson and expressed his gratitude to the Committee. The meeting adjourned shortly thereafter.

On 18 September 2024, the Committee met virtually for a briefing by the Financial and Fiscal Commission (FFC) on its 2025/26 Division of Revenue submissions. Discussions covered public health inefficiencies, infrastructure challenges for small-scale farmers, and municipal financial conditions. The Committee resolved to engage the FFC quarterly and requested detailed reports on healthcare worker shortages, infrastructure challenges, and municipal financial issues.

The Committee engaged The Provincial Treasury on 26 September 2024, who briefed it on the Provincial Economic Review and Outlook (PERO) and the financial and non-financial performance of the Western Cape Government for the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years. Concerns were raised about employment distribution, infrastructure underspending, and healthcare personnel shortages. The Committee resolved to request further reports on employment, healthcare spending, and budget allocations.

The Committee met to discuss the 2024 Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 2-2024]; including the Municipal Economic Review and Outlook (MERO) on 26 November 2024. Key issues included funding allocation disparities between national, provincial, and local governments, economic crime impacts, and homelessness statistics. The committee requested detailed reports on crime-related economic impacts, Extended Public Works Programme job contributions, and funding allocations for transport initiatives.

On 27th November 2024, the Committee reviewed the Division of Revenue Amendment Bill [B14-2024] (NCOP), engaging National- and Provincial Treasury on funding allocations, procurement reforms, and equitable share distribution. Concerns were raised about population growth, budget allocations, and the conditional grants system. A vote was held, with the majority opposing the Bill, citing flaws in the Provincial Equitable Share formula and insufficient education and health funding.

The Committee approved the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 2-2024] but opposed the Division of Revenue Amendment Bill [B 14-2024] (NCOP), citing unfair budget distribution and lack

of provisions for economic growth. The Quarterly Activities Report for 2024/25 was also reviewed and adopted. No additional resolutions or requests for information were made.

During the 4th Quarter, the Budget Committee met on Thursday, 27 March 2025 to consider, engage and discuss the budget allocations for the departments and entities which comprises of the WCG for the 2025/26 financial year.

6. Legislation

As part of the Budget Process, statutory provisions allow for necessary adjustments to the main appropriations to each Budget Vote in order to accommodate spending pattern successes and shortcomings, as mentioned above. These provisions, in the form of the Division of Revenue Amendment Bill [B 14-2024] (NCOP) and the Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 2–2024], were successfully considered by the Committee who engaged Departments affected by the monetary shifts specified in the Bills.

During the period under review, the Committee also dealt with the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2025] in March 2025. The Bill was referred to the various Standing Committees who deliberated and adopted a Report on the respective Budget Votes contained in the Schedule to the Bill. The Budget Committee considered these reports and adopted a formal recommendation to the House in support of the Bill.

7. Facilitation of Public Involvement and Participation

As part of the Budget process, the Standing Committees of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament annually hosts public hearings on each respective Budget Vote, as specified in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2025]. The Budget Committee facilitates public participation in this process by informing the public of the public hearings and by appealing to interested parties to make submissions on each Vote.

As part of the Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement process, the Budget Committee also facilitated such participation when the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 2–2024] was referred to the respective standing Committees in November 2024. Furthermore, the Committee invited members of the public to provide input in the Division of Revenue Amendment Bill [B14-2024] (NCOP) that occurred in November 2024.

8. Financial particulars

The Standing Committee was allocated a budget of R90 000. At the close of the 2024/25 financial year, expenditure attributed to the activities of the Standing Committee accumulated to an amount of R73 458-00. There was an under spending of R16 542-00.



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MR P JOHNSON, MPP
CHAIRPERSON: BUDGET COMMITTEE
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