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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Tuesday 16 September 2025 (at 13:00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

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

African National Congress

Ngqentsu, MB (Additional)

Patriotic Alliance

Constable, N

Al Jama-ah

Brinkhuis, G

Apologies

Nkondlo, ND – Member (ANC) Meyer, I - Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism Sebopetsa, M – Head of Department of Agriculture

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Agriculture

Ms L Govender - Chief Financial Officer

Dr I Trautmann, Deputy Director General - Agricultural Research and Regulatory Services

Mr D Jacobs, Deputy Director General - Agricultural Research and Regulatory Services.

Mr P Rockman, Chief Director - Operational Support Services

Mr J Pandarim, Chief Director - Rural Development

Mr G Stander, Chief Director - Agricultural Education and Training

Mr M Brinkhuis, Chief Director: Agricultural Producer Support and Development

Casidra

Dr K du Plessis, Chief Executive Officer Mr D Nefdt, Chief Programme Officer

WCPP Officials

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

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, the departmental officials, and those who were watching the live proceedings on YouTube. Apologies were tabled by the Procedural Officer. The Chairperson explained the rules of engagement for video conferencing and outlined the purpose of the meeting.

2. Briefing by the Department of Agriculture and Casidra on its non-financial and financial quarterly performance for the period April to June 2025

The Department and Casidra briefed the Committee on its respective Quarterly Performance Reports highlighting with reason the targets that were not achieved as well as those that were partially achieved within the various programmes. A summary of the Department and Casidra's financial performance and associated expenditure with a focus on overall budget utilisation, areas of underspending, and the underlying reasons for variances were provided to the Committee.

The Committee deliberated.

3. Resolutions/actions

- 3.1 The Committee RESOLVED that it would:
- 3.1.1 Undertake an oversight visit during the first quarter of the 2026 calendar year to one of the food security projects that was implemented by Casidra, in order to observe first-hand the nature of the interventions funded and delivered; and
- 3.1.2 Given the delays in the transfer of conditional grants from national Treasury, follow up with the Department of Agriculture in three months' time on how the Department intends to support farmers, particularly in light of missed planting seasons.
- 3.2 The Committee REQUESTED that Casidra provides it with a list of:
- 3.2.1 Food security projects, its classification, as well as the related geographical location of each project; and
- 3.2.2 The training interventions that were facilitated with specific reference to the type of intervention, the beneficiary and where these training interventions were held.

4. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Minutes

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of 19 August 2025 which were considered and adopted.

5. Closing

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

The meeting adjourned at 14:16.



CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Date: 1 October 2025