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Western Cape Provincial Parliament  
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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

*Friday 5 December 2025 (at 09:45)  
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams*

#### **PRESENT**

##### **Members**

##### **Democratic Alliance**

Bryant, DW  
Masipa, NP (Chairperson)  
Mbombo, N  
Van Wyk, LD (Additional)  
Wessels, DJ

##### **African National Congress**

Nkondlo, ND

##### **Patriotic Alliance**

Constable, N

##### **Al Jama-ah**

Brinkhuis, G

##### **Apologies**

Dr M Sebopetsa, Head of Department of Agriculture  
Mr D Jacobs, Deputy Director-General - Agricultural Development and Support Services

##### **The following persons were in attendance:**

##### **Ministry of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism**

Dr I Meyer, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism

##### **Department of Agriculture**

Ms L Govender, Acting Head of Department  
Mr M Jacobs, Acting Chief Financial Officer  
Ms B Matoti, Acting Deputy Director-General - Agricultural Research and Regulatory Services  
Mr M Brinkhuis, Chief Director - Agricultural Producer Support and Development  
Dr F Vries, Chief Director - Regulatory and Research Technology Development Services  
Mr G Stander, Chief Director - Agricultural Education and Training

Ms J Pandaram, Chief Director - Rural Development  
Mr P Rockman, Chief Director - Operational Support Services  
Mr J Aries, Director - Agricultural Produce Support and Development  
Ms A Petersen, Director - Sustainable Resource Use and Management  
Ms S Thomas, Director - Business Planning and Strategy  
Mr T Morokong, Acting Director - Agricultural Economic Services

#### **Casidra**

Dr K du Plessis, Chief Executive Officer  
Ms I Bezuidenhout, Chief Financial Officer

#### **Members of the public**

Mr L Tama  
Mr M Mbane  
Ms N Magadla  
Ms T Diamond

#### **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 Minister, Head of Department, the Chief Executive Officer of Casidra, departmental officials, and those who were watching the live proceedings on YouTube.

### **2. Deliberation on Vote 11: Agriculture in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 5–2025]**

The Department briefed the Committee on Vote 11 in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 5–2025].

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 11: Agriculture in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 5–2025]**

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. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Documents**

The Chairperson submitted that Draft Committee Minutes of 11, 12 and 18 November 2025 which were considered and adopted.

## 5. Resolutions

- 5.1 The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Agriculture provides it with:
- 5.1.1 A detailed update on the Food Security Programme, specifically focusing on the vacancies that could not be filled and how these have impacted the Programme; and
- 5.1.2 A detailed list of all active and non-active projects funded under the Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme. Specifically, those utilising the R300 million allocation that was received late. For each project, an indication of –
- Whether it is on track for completion within the current financial year; or
  - Whether it is likely to extend beyond the current financial year.
- 5.2 The Committee RESOLVED that it would write to the Speaker of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament requesting formal clarification in writing on the protocol governing the Committee's powers in relation to other spheres of government. Specifically, the Committee seeks written guidance on the extent to which a provincial standing committee may summon or invite representatives from local or national government, and the parameters within which such engagements may occur.

## 6. Closing

The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to the members, the Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism, the Acting Head of Department, the Chief Executive Officer of Casidra and departmental officials for their contribution to the success of the meeting. As this was expected to be the last meeting for the calendar year, The Chairperson extended well wishes to all for the festive period.

The meeting adjourned at 11:12.



**MR NP MASIPA, MPP**

**CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

Date: 11 March 2026