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Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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Annual Committee Report of the Standing Committee on Finance for the 2025/26 financial year, dated 22 May 2026, as follows:

Members

The Committee comprised of the following members:

Brinkhuis, K (Al Jama-ah)
Bryant, D (DA) (From 10 July 2025)
Constable, N (PA) (Until 5 March 2026)
Johnson, P (DA)(Chairperson until 18 August 2025)
Masipa, N (DA)
Mbombo, N (DA)
Nkondlo, N (ANC)
Petrus, B (PA) (From 9 March 2026)
Van Wyk, L (DA) (From 18 August 2025)
Wessels, D (DA) (Until 10 July 2025)

Alternate members

Booyesen, M (DA)
Bosman, G (DA)
Cassiem, A (EFF)
Johnson, P (DA) (from 18 August 2026)
Kaiser-Philander, W (DA)
Stephens, D (PA)
Stoffel, B (ANC)
Van Minnen, B (DA)

1. Introduction

The mandate of the Committee was to:

- 1.1 Maintain oversight over the executive members and the Departments concerning the way in which they perform their responsibilities, including the implementation of legislation and to hold them accountable; and
- 1.2 Consider and report on legislation, other matters and the annual reports referred to it by the Speaker.

In fulfillment of its mandate the Committee:

- 1.2.1 Facilitated public participation and involvement in the legislative and other processes of the Committee.
- 1.2.2 Conducted its business in a fair, open and transparent manner.
- 1.2.3 Promoted cooperative governance.
- 1.2.4 Reported regularly to the House.

With reference to the Strategic Objectives of the WCPP linked to the Speakers' Priorities to the end of the 6th Term, the outcome of this report was linked to:

Priority 1: Building a credible WCPP; and
Priority 3: Strengthening the core business.

2. Reporting departments and entities

2.1 Provincial Treasury
2.2 Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board

3. Overview of Committee's activities

Number of Committee Meetings	16
Number of Public Hearings	4
Number of International Study Tours	0
Number of Oversight Visits	1
Number of Provincial Bills considered	1
Number of NCOP Bills considered	1
Workshops/conferences attended	0

4. Oversight activities

The Standing Committee on Finance (the Committee) conducted its oversight responsibilities and held a total of 16 meetings and four public hearings during the 2025/26 financial year.

4.1 Legislation

During the 2025/26 financial year, the Committee considered Vote 3: Provincial Treasury, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 4—2025] in June 2025. The Committee considered Vote 3: Provincial Treasury, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 5—2025] in December 2025. The Committee also considered Vote 3: Provincial Treasury, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1—2026] during March 2026.

In December 2025, the Committee received a briefing from the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition, the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board, Adv F Jenkins from National Parliament, and Adv M Khoele from the Western Cape Provincial Parliament's Legal Unit to discuss the amendments included in the National Gambling Amendment Bill [B 27D—2018], and the way forward in terms of public participation. This legislation is still ongoing.

The Western Cape Twentieth Gambling and Racing Amendment Bill [B 2-2026] was referred to the Committee in March 2026 as a Section 77 (Money) Bill. Although a money bill should be processed within five days of being referred, the Committee took the decision to request permission from the Speaker to extend the time to process the Bill given the technical nature of the Bill. This request was granted and the Committee resolved to conduct the public participation process on the Bill during the new financial year.

4.2 Committee meetings

During the 2025/26 financial year, the Committee met on various matters.

The 2025/26 financial year commenced with a briefing from the Provincial Treasury on the vacancies incurred on the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board (the Board). This was followed by interviews with candidates to fill the vacancies on the Board.

During the year, the Committee met with the Provincial Treasury to discuss the Fiscal Futures Project, Alternative and Blended Finance and oversight mechanisms for Public Private Partnerships. The Committee also met with the Minister of Finance, Provincial Treasury and George, Drakenstein, Stellenbosch, Mossel Bay, Overstrand and Saldanha Bay Municipalities on their budget results, challenges experienced, operating expenditure, capital expenditure, cash positions, financial positions and financial performance.

The Committee also executed its oversight duties in respect of the Department, where various engagements were held to discuss their quarterly performance reports as well as the Annual Performance Plan and the 2024/24 Annual Report.

The Committee also held a joint oversight meeting with the Standing Committee on Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning during the Service Delivery Cluster Visit Week in February 2026. The joint oversight meeting focused on the impact of the recent wildfires and the financial challenges in respect of the disaster management.

5. Legislation

In the 2025/26 financial year, the Committee dealt with the following Bills:

5.1 Provincial Bills

5.1.1 Western Cape Gambling and Racing Amendment Bill [B 2—2026] (Section 77)

5.1.2 Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 4—2025]: Vote 3, Provincial Treasury

5.1.3 Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 5—2025]: Vote 3, Provincial Treasury

5.1.4 Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1—2026]: Vote 3, Provincial Treasury

5.2 NCOP bill (Section 76)

5.2.1 National Gambling Amendment Bill [B 27D—2018] (Section 76)

6. Facilitation of public involvement and participation

In line with its mandate to facilitate public participation as part of the legislative process, the Committee held public hearings on all the Annual Reports and Budget Votes. To give effect to this, the relevant committees advertised the Annual Report, the Western Cape Appropriation Bill and the Western Cape Adjustment Appropriation Bill in mainstream and community newspapers across the Western Cape, informing and inviting stakeholders to participate in the public participation processes. The Committee also resolved to execute its mandate to facilitate public participation on the Western Cape Twentieth Gambling and Racing Amendment Bill [B 2—2026] during the 2026/27 financial year.

7. Financial particulars

The budget for the 2025/26 financial year was R127 414, and the Committee incurred actual expenditure of R82 113, resulting in an under-expenditure of R45 301.



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CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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