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COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Annual Report of the Standing Committee on the Premier and Constitutional Matters for the 2025/26 financial year.**

Democratic Alliance

Walters TCR (Chairperson – from 19 August 2025)

Van Minnen BM (Chairperson – until 19 August 2025)

Booyesen M

Johnson P

Kaizer-Philander WF

Van Wyk LD

African National Congress

Sayed MK

Lekker PZ (Alternate)

GOOD

Herron BN

Patriotic Alliance

Stephens DR

Alternate Members:

Bryant, DW (DA)

Mbombo, N (DA)

Wessel, DJ (DA)

1. Introduction

1.1 The mandate of the Committee was to:

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

1.2 In fulfilment 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; and
- 1.2.4 Reported regularly to the House.

2. Reporting department and entities

- 2.1 Department of the Premier
- 2.2 Office of the Western Cape Commissioner for Children (appointment process)

3. Overview of Committee's activities

Number of Committee Meetings	21
Number of Public Hearings	8
Number of International Study Tour	0
Number of Oversight Visits:	1
Number of Provincial Bills considered	3
Number of NCOP Bills considered	3
Workshops/conferences attended	0

On 19 August 2025, the Committee elected a new Chairperson, Mr TCR Walters after the formal resignation of Ms B van Minnen.

4. Key activities

The Standing Committee on the Premier and Constitutional Matters remained actively engaged in addressing key governance, legislative, and constitutional issues throughout the year under review. The Committee's work included deliberations on bills, public hearings, the appointment of a provincial commissioner for Children, oversight of the Department of the Premier, and cooperative governance with other legislatures.

One of the main areas the Committee worked on was selecting a new Commissioner for Children in the Western Cape. The Committee developed a scoring framework, shortlisted nine candidates, and conducted public interviews in April 2025. Child Government Monitors provided input on the desired qualities of the Commissioner. Following delays due to security vetting, the Committee finally recommended Ms Saarah Helena Roberts as the Commissioner in August 2025. The Committee also resolved to draft guidelines for future appointments based on lessons learned from this process.

The Committee deliberated on Vote 1: Premier for the Appropriation Bill in June 2025, the Adjustments Appropriation Bill in December 2025 and the Appropriation Bill in March 2026. The Committee supported the Vote, with the ANC expressing minority views.

In April 2025, the Committee held three public hearings on the Public Service Amendment Bill [B13B-2023] and the Public Administration Management Amendment Bill [B10B-2023] and received responses from the DPSA on the input provided at the public hearings in May 2025.

In June 2025, the Committee was briefed by the Public Service Commission and DPSA on the Public Service Commission Bill [B30B-2023]. A public hearing took place in September 2025, followed by a meeting in February 2026 with DPSA to address feedback from the hearings and give a legal briefing prior to considering the negotiating mandate.

In August 2025, the Committee received briefings from the Department of the Premier on the first Quarterly Performance for 2025/26 and the Energy Resilience Plan. Members requested comprehensive reports regarding public consultation processes, departmental implementation plans, job creation strategies, and requested detailed information about budgets, investors, project timelines, and the potential impact on municipal revenues. The Provincial Strategic Plan (PSP) for 2025-2030 was presented by the Department of the Premier in September 2025. In October, the Committee reviewed the Western Cape Safety Plan 2.0 and made 14 recommendations on spatial justice, law enforcement accountability, and community engagement. Members were also briefed on the Department's 2024/25 Annual Report.

In November 2025, the Committee received a briefing on broadband initiatives and E-Center programmes, followed by an oversight visit to the Cape Access Centre at 9 Wale Street and the Centre for E-Innovation at 4 Dorp Street.

5. Legislation

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

5.1 Provincial bills

- 5.1.1 Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B4-2025],
- 5.1.2 Western Cape Adjustment Appropriation Bill [B5-2025]; and
- 5.1.3 Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B1-2026].

5.2 NCOP bills (Section 76)

- 5.2.1 Public Service and Administration on the Public Administration Management Amendment Bill [B10B-23]; and
- 5.2.2 Public Service Amendment Bill [B13B-2023].

5.3 Public hearings and public participation

The Committee held the following public hearings relating to NCOP bills:

- Three sessions in April 2025 on the Public Service Amendment Bill and Public Administration Management Amendment Bill; and
- One on the Public Service Commission Bill in September 2025.

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 eight public hearings. These included three hearings on Provincial

Money Bills, one addressing the 2024/25 Annual Report for the Department of the Premier, and four related to the NCOP Bills.

7. Financial particulars

The actual expenditure for the 2025/26 financial year was R368 784 against an adjusted budget allocation of R326 258 resulting in an over expenditure R42 526.00

2. 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] were 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.

3. Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Local Government and Environmental Affairs and Development Planning for the 2025/26 financial year

The strategic objectives of the WCPP linked to the Speaker's priorities that have an impact on committees are as follows:

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

Members

The Committee comprised of the following members:

Chairperson: Mr D Bryant

Members:

Mr NP Masipa; Mr P Johnson (until 19 August 2025); Mr DJ Wessels; Mr L van Wyk (from 19 August 2025); Ms BN Stoffel; Mr N Constable (until 4 March 2026); Mr B Adams (from 5 March 2026) Mr GP Marais

Alternate members:

Mr M Booysen; Mr G Bosman; Ms BM van Minnen; Mr LD van Wyk; Mr TCR Walters; Mr MK Sayed; Mr F Kamfer; Mr T Lithakong

1. Introduction

1.1 The mandate of the Committee was to:

- 1.1.1 Maintain oversight over the Executive member and his Department, including the implementation of legislation and to hold them accountable to the Western Cape Provincial Parliament;
- 1.1.2. Consider and report on legislation, other matters and annual reports referred to it by the Speaker;
- 1.1.3 Consider any reports issued by the Auditor-General on the affairs of any municipality in the province;
- 1.1.4 Consider the consolidated statements on the state of municipalities' budgets referred to in section 71(7) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003; and
- 1.1.5 Consider any other report or statement concerning the affairs of a municipality referred to the Committee by the House.

1.2. 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 co-operative governance; and
- 1.2.4 Reported regularly to the House.

2. Department/s reporting to the Committee: Two

- 2.1. Department of Local Government
- 2.2 Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

3. Entities reporting to the Committee: One

3.1 CapeNature

4. Overview of Committee's activities

4.1	Number of Committee Meetings	5
4.2	Number of Public Hearings	17
4.3	Number of International Study Tours	0
4.3	Number of Oversight Visits	1
4.4	Number of Provincial Bills considered	2
4.5	Number of NCOP Bills considered	2
4.6	Workshops/conferences attended	0

5. Oversight activities

5.1 During the first quarter, the Committee facilitated three public hearings in Vredenburg, George, and Cape Town on the Western Cape Monitoring and Support of Municipalities Amendment Bill [B 8–2023] and the Independent Municipal Demarcation Authority Bill [B 14B–2022] (NCOP). Following the re-tableting of both the national and provincial budgets, the departments also re-tabled their Strategic Plans and Annual Performance Plans (APPs). The Committee deliberated on Vote 9: Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and Vote 14: Local Government, as outlined in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill, 2025 [B 4–2025]. The quarter concluded with a briefing by Provincial Treasury on support provided to Kannaland, Beaufort West, Matzikama, Cederberg, and Theewaterskloof Municipalities regarding outstanding Eskom debt. Subsequently, the Committee adopted the Final Mandate Report on the Marine Oil Pollution (Preparedness, Response and Cooperation) Bill [B10–2022] and the Negotiating Mandate Report on the Independent Municipal Demarcation Authority Bill [B 14B–2022] (NCOP).

5.2 The Western Cape Land Use Planning Amendment Bill [B 3–2025] was introduced on 24 April 2025. The Committee received a briefing during the second quarter and subsequently determined the way forward. During this period, the Committee adopted the Negotiating Mandate Report on the Independent Municipal Demarcation Authority Bill (B 14B–2022) NCOP and discussed public comments on the Western Cape Monitoring and Support of Municipalities Amendment Bill [B 8–2023]. After considering additional feedback from the George and Mossel Bay Municipalities, the Committee deliberated on and adopted the Western Cape Monitoring and Support of Municipalities Amendment Bill [B 8–2023]. Given ongoing concerns about unlicensed landfill sites, the Committee was briefed on their status and the challenges impeding licensing. Furthermore, the Committee received presentations from the Department of Local Government, the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, and CapeNature on their first quarterly performance and expenditure report for April–June 2025. The quarter concluded with public hearings on the Western Cape Land Use Planning Amendment Bill [B 3–2025] held in Saldanha Bay, Stellenbosch, and Plettenberg Bay. The final hearing took place in Cape Town on 1 October 2025.

5.3 During the 3rd quarter the Committee engaged in deliberations on the annual reports, followed by the consideration and formal adoption of the Final Mandate Report on the Independent Municipal Demarcation Authority Bill (B 14B–2022) NCOP. This was followed by a briefing from the Department of Environmental

Affairs and Development Planning, together with CapeNature, on their second quarter performance and expenditure for the period July to September 2025. The briefing outlined progress against strategic objectives, key achievements, challenges encountered, and expenditure patterns for the quarter under review. The Committee then received a separate briefing from the Department of Local Government on its second quarter performance and expenditure report for the same period, July to September 2025. This presentation similarly focused on service delivery performance, financial management, and alignment with planned targets. The Committee concluded the quarter's activities by considering Vote 9: Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and Vote 14: Local Government, as contained in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 5–2025]. Members considered the proposed adjustments, motivations for changes to budget allocations, and their implications for departmental programmes and priorities before finalising their engagement on the Votes.

- 5.4 During the 4th quarter the Committee deliberated on Vote 9: Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, as well as Vote 14: Local Government as contained in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2026], giving attention to the proposed budget allocations, departmental priorities, and their alignment with policy objectives for the forthcoming financial year. In addition, the joint pre-State of the Province Address (Pre-SOPA) Visit Week was highlighted as an important mechanism established by the Western Cape Provincial Parliament to fulfil its constitutional oversight mandate. The initiative enabled Members of the Provincial Parliament, through their standing committees, to remain informed about developments and service delivery challenges within the province. It also provided an opportunity to conduct oversight visits and to engage directly with communities and institutions to better understand their needs and the challenges they face. As part of this process, the Provincial Parliament's Cluster B Committees undertook a provincial visit to the Garden Route District. During the visit, members consulted and interacted with a range of stakeholders, including provincial and local government representatives, to assess projects and programmes being implemented in outlying areas. This engagement formed a key component of Parliament's ongoing oversight role and contributed to strengthening accountability and responsiveness in governance.

6. Legislation

In the 2023/24 financial year, the Committee dealt with the following legislation:

6.1 Provincial bills

- 6.1.1 Western Cape Monitoring and Support of Municipalities Amendment Bill [B 8–2023]
- 6.1.2 Western Cape Land Use Planning Amendment Bill [B 3–2025]
- 6.1.3 Western Cape Appropriation Bill, 2025 [B 4–2025].
- 6.1.1 Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 5–2025]
- 6.1.2 Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2026]

6.2 NCOP bills

- 6.2.1 Independent Municipal Demarcation Authority Bill [B 14B–2022] (NCOP).

7. Financial particulars

The Committee's actual expenditure for the 2025/26 financial year as at 31 March 2025 was R 627 793 against an adjusted budget of R 640 399.