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COMMITTEE REPORT

Annual Committee Activity Report of the Budget Committee 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.

From 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 the Committee comprised the following Members:

Permanent Members:

Johnson, P (DA) (Chairperson until August 2025)
Van Wyk, L D (DA) (Chairperson from August 2025)
Masipa, N P (DA)
Mbombo, N (DA)
Petrus B (PA)
Stoffel, B N (ANC)
Wessels, D J (DA)

Alternate Members

Booyesen, M (DA)
Kaizer-Philander, W F (DA)
Bryant, D W (DA)
Nkondlo, N D (ANC)
Van Minnen, B M (DA)
Van Wyk, L D (DA)
Walters, T C R (DA)

1. Introduction

In accordance with 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 the view to improving spending effectiveness and efficiency;
- 1.2. review and assess overall provincial expenditure and non-financial reports quarterly 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.

2. Departments that report to the Budget Committee

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

To this extent the Budget Committee met with Provincial Treasury quarterly to discuss the financial and non-financial performance information relevant to each departmental budget vote. These briefings proved particularly insightful, as the chairpersons of the respective standing committees (who serve on the Budget Committee) took note of various spending successes and shortcomings pertinent to their portfolios.

3. Overview of Committee's activities

Number of committee meetings	22
Number of public hearings	6 (included above)
Number of international study tours	0
Number of oversight visits	0
Number of provincial bills considered	2
Number of NCOP bills considered	2
Workshops or conferences attended	0

4. Oversight activities

This Annual Activity Report covers the period from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026, detailing the oversight work of the Budget Committee. The Committee's activities focused on monitoring provincial expenditure, reviewing quarterly and annual performance reports, engaging with the Provincial Treasury and the National Treasury on fiscal planning and considering key legislation such as the appropriation and division of revenue bills. Through these engagements, the Committee scrutinised spending patterns, addressed underspending concerns, facilitated public participation and promoted transparency and accountability in the management of public funds.

In April 2025, the Committee considered the Provincial Treasury's Third Quarter Performance Report and raised concerns about underspending in Health and Local Government. In the same month the Committee reviewed the fourth quarter pre-audit outcomes and interrogated EPWP job classifications, conditional grant delays and rollovers.

In the first quarter, the Committee received a briefing from the Provincial Treasury on the third quarter performance for the 2024/25 financial year. Members expressed concern about underspending on compensation of employees, procurement inefficiencies and recruitment delays,

particularly in Health and Local Government. The Committee requested further investigation into structural causes of underspending and sought clarity on reallocation practices.

Towards the end of the first quarter, the Committee met to consider and adopt its draft report on the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 4–2025]. The Committee reviewed the outcomes of various votes, noting minority views expressed by the ANC, GOOD, the EFF and Al Jama-ah. The report detailed the Committee's support for the Bill, with minority views duly recorded in accordance with Standing Rule 90.

In July 2025, the Committee convened to consider the Division of Revenue Bill [B 15–2025]. At the negotiating mandate stage, Members expressed support for the Bill but raised concerns about conditional grant underspending, the provincial equitable share formula, and delays in Budget Facility for Infrastructure allocations. Recommendations included a review of the equitable share formula, improved grant alignment and clarity on disaster relief funding. In the same month, the Committee finalised its mandate on the Division of Revenue Bill, resolving to confer authority on the Western Cape delegation in the NCOP to support the Bill, with no opposition or minority views recorded.

In August 2025, the Committee was briefed by Go George and raised concerns about safety, overcrowding and governance shortcomings. In the same month, the Committee was briefed by the FFC on its submission on the Division of Revenue Bill [B 15–2025], which highlighted climate change, infrastructure and coalition-led municipalities as fiscal risks.

During September 2025, the Committee received the Provincial Economic Review and Outlook (PERO), which focused on energy resilience, deindustrialisation, and female-headed households. Members queried unemployment disparities, overcrowded schools and agricultural diversification. The Committee adopted a report on the PERO and resolved to receive a dedicated briefing on female-headed households.

In October 2025, the Committee was briefed on annual report guidelines and raised queries on material irregularities, conditional grant delays and risk management. In the same month, the Committee engaged with the AGSA on audit outcomes and stressed earlier use of quarterly reports to identify risks.

During the middle of the third quarter, the Committee was briefed by the Bureau for Economic Research on weak national growth and fiscal constraints, while noting the Western Cape's resilience. Members raised concerns about energy costs, municipal funding and the realism of the Growth for Jobs Strategy. The Committee endorsed infrastructure-led growth and diversification.

In December 2025, the Committee was briefed on the adjustments budget and second quarter performance, raising queries on procurement monitoring, inflation and food security, as well as concerns about Go George governance. The Committee also received briefings from the NCOP and the National Treasury on equitable share and disaster funding, questioning transparency and adequacy of allocations. In the same month, the Committee adopted its negotiating and final mandate reports on the Division of Revenue Bill [B 28–2025] and supported the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 5–2025], with minority views recorded.

In February, the Committee was briefed on Operation Vulindlela reforms covering energy, logistics, water, visas, local government and digital transformation. Members raised questions on renewable energy investment, Eskom restructuring, municipal procurement and affordable

housing. Treasury confirmed progress on rooftop solar, transmission expansion and visa reforms.

During March 2026, the Committee received the Municipal Economic Review and Outlook, which highlighted resilience in tourism and renewable energy but pressures from in-migration, housing demand and infrastructure constraints. Members raised concerns about refuse removal, landfill capacity and housing access.

5. Legislation

As part of the budget process, statutory provisions allowed for necessary adjustments to the main appropriations to each budget vote to accommodate spending successes and short-comings. These provisions, in the form of the Division of Revenue Bill [B 28–2025] and the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill (2025/26 Financial Year) [B 5–2025] were considered by the Committee, which 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, of which the various votes in the Schedule were referred to the appropriate standing committees for deliberation and reporting. The Budget Committee considered these reports and adopted a formal recommendation to the House in support of the Appropriation Bill.

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

5.1. Provincial bills

- 5.1.1. Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 4–2025]
- 5.1.2. Division of Revenue Bill [B 15–2025]
- 5.1.3. Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill (2025/26 Financial Year) [B 5–2025]
- 5.1.4. Division of Revenue Amendment Bill [B 28–2025]
- 5.1.5. Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2026]

6. Facilitation of public involvement and participation

The Budget Committee facilitated public participation in the budget process by informing the public of the hearings and appealing to interested parties to make submissions on each vote in the schedules to the appropriation bills.

The Committee also facilitated public participation during the Medium-term Budget Policy Statement process, when the Adjustments Appropriation Bill (2025/26 Financial Year) [B 5–2025] were referred to the respective standing committees. Furthermore, the Committee invited members of the public to provide input on both the Division of Revenue Bill [B 15–2025] and the Division of Revenue Bill [B 1–2026] during its consideration.

7. Financial particulars

A budget of R186 111 was allocated to the Standing Committee. At the close of the 2025/26 financial year, expenditure attributed to the activities of the Committee accumulated to an amount of R141 670.