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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19

Wednesday, 14 October 2020 (13h00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

THEME: Public Engagement Process

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Allen, R
America, D
Bartman, D
Mackenzie, R (Alternate)
Mitchell, D
Philander, W
Van der Westhuizen, A
Wenger, M (Chairperson)

African National Congress

Lekker, P
Windvogel, R

Alternate Members

Botha, L (DA)
Maseko, M (DA)
Nkondlo, N (ANC)
Sayed, K (ANC)

Apologies

Bosman, G (DA)
Christians, F (ACDP)
Herron, B (GOOD)

Absent

Dugmore, C (ANC)
Marais, P (FFP)
Xego, M (EFF)

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

Ms Z Adams, Procedural Officer
Ms L Cloete, Senior Procedural Officer

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed the Members, members of the public and media and noted apologies from Members G Bosman (DA), F Christians (ACDP) and B Herron (GOOD).

The Chairperson explained the rules of engagement to Members and officials in respect of virtual meetings and then proceeded to the business of the day.

The Chairperson explained the purpose of meeting to deliberate on public input received. The Chairperson informed the Committee that the Committee received just under 17 000 written submissions via email and/or WhatsApp voice notes and messages. The process also involved a social media campaign where a series of questions were published on social media through infographics and an advert published in mainstream and community media where interested stakeholders were encouraged to submit their comments. The Committee had an opportunity to listen to the oral submissions submitted by various organisations and the public as well.

The Chairperson thanked the Committee for working tirelessly through the endless sum of written submissions.

2. Deliberation on the public engagement process – Report back Working Groups

A representative or the leader of each Working Group presented its report to the full Committee and highlighted major concerns or issues raised in the Working Groups.

The Committee deliberated on the major findings and concerns of all Working Groups.

The Committee agreed to the resolutions/recommendations of each Working Group.

3. Way forward re: submissions and Ad Hoc Committee Report

The Chairperson informed the Committee that the meeting scheduled for Friday 23 October 2020 would be postponed to adopt and finalise the final Committee Report on Tuesday, 17 November 2020 and to recommend to which interested parties and civil society the final report should be distributed.

The Committee further agreed that there is no need for further public participation processes since the Committee had an extensive public participation process and received input from a broad spectrum of civil society and relevant Departments and entities.

4. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Report on the themes/activities covered by the Committee for the month of August 2020

The Committee considered and adopted the Draft Committee Report on the themes/activities covered by the Committee for the month of August 2020.

5. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Minutes

The Committee considered and adopted the draft Committee Minutes of 26 August, 9 September and 16 September 2020.

6. Resolutions/Actions

5.1 The Committee RESOLVED that:

- 5.1.1 For future similar activities questions posed to the public for comment should be segmented to derive a better response on the performance of the different three spheres of government.
 - 5.1.2 The Department of Health submits a report on preparations and funding for a possible Second Wave.
 - 5.1.3 The final report of the Committee to be tabled in the House for debate and that all stakeholders and civil society will receive copies of the report.
 - 5.1.6 Should recurring issues such as social grants or economic recovery issues be raised with the Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19, these matters shall then be referred to the relevant Standing Committee for further inquiry.
- 5.2 The Committee further RECOMMENDED that the Chairperson drafts a letter to Speaker of Western Cape Provincial Parliament (WCPP) to encourage WCPP to engage with Dear South Africa in the future for citizen engagement or public participation processes.

The meeting adjourned at 14h42.



MS M WENGER, MPP
CHAIRPERSON: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19
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