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Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19

Wednesday, 15 July 2020 (13h00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

THEME: Health update

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Democratic Alliance

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

African National Congress

Dugmore, C
Lekker, P

GOOD

Herron, B

Freedom Front Plus

Marais, P

Alternate Members

Botha, L (DA)
MacKenzie, R (DA)
Nkondlo, N (ANC)
Sayed, K (ANC)

Apologies

Windvogel, R (ANC)

Absent

Christians, F (ACDP)

Xego, M (EFF)

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Health:

Dr K Cloete, Head of Department

Dr K Vallabhjee, Chief Director: Strategy and Health Support

Dr B Engelbrecht, Strategic Manager

Dr S Kariem, Deputy Director-General: Chief of Operations

Members of the Public

Mr T Lepule, Reporter: Weekend Argus

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

Ms Z Adams, Procedural Officer

Ms L Cloete, Senior Procedural Officer

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed the Members, officials and members of the public, and noted apologies from Member R Windvogel (ANC) and Minister N Mbombo, Provincial Minister of Health. The Chairperson explained the rules of engagement to Members and officials in respect of virtual meetings and then proceeded to the presentations.

2. Briefing by the Department of Health on the situational analysis in the Western Cape, including information on the health indicators and responses in relation to the pandemic, the death rates and peak projections, testing data, future projections, the “new normal” and the health system post the peak

Dr Cloete briefed the Committee on the subject at hand.

The Committee proceeded to the discussion of the presentation.

The Committee thanked the Department for their hard work and dedication during this difficult time.

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

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

4. Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Committee Minutes

The Committee considered and adopted the draft Committee Minutes of 18 June 2020.

5. Resolutions/Actions

5.1 The Committee REQUESTED the following information from the Department:

5.1.1 The study by the South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC) on the provincial comparison between the Department's death data and the Department of Home Affairs' data for each province;

5.1.2 The ratio/100 000 of (a) the total COVID-19 cases and (b) active COVID-19 cases with a provincial comparison; and

5.1.3 The COVID-19 infection numbers in Western Cape, per ward.

5.2 The Committee also RESOLVED to amend the questions contained in the Weekly Health Update Report provided by the Department to the Committee, in order to have more relevant information for COVID-19 matters going forward. The new Weekly Report should provide the following information:

- (a) Available oxygen supply;
- (b) Oxygen usage in the Province;
- (c) Hospital bed capacity versus number of used beds;
- (d) The weekly tally of daily hospital admission of COVID-19 patients;
- (e) The weekly tally of daily hospital discharge of COVID-19 patients;
- (f) The number of contacts traced; and
- (g) The number of cases/contacts isolated and quarantined.

The meeting adjourned at 15h50.



MS M WENGER, MPP
CHAIRPERSON: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19
DATE: 22 July 2020