



Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Parlement
Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19

Friday, 15 May 2020 (14h00), Virtual: Microsoft Teams

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

Lekker, P
Windvogel, R

Economic Freedom Fighters

Xego, M

African Christian Democratic Party

Christians, F

GOOD

Herron, B

Alternate Members

MacKenzie, R (DA)
Maseko, M (DA)

Nkondlo, N (ANC)

Sayed, K (ANC)

Apology

Botha, L (DA)(Alternate)

Absent

Dugmore, C (ANC)

Additional Member

Kama, M (ANC)

The following persons were in attendance:

Ministry: Finance and Economic Opportunities

Mr D Maynier, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities

Ms C Green, Head of Ministry

Mr R Botha, Strategic Analyst

Western Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism

Mr S Fourie, Head of Department

Mr R Toefy, Deputy Director-General: Economic Operations

MsJ Johnston, Deputy Director-General: Strategic Economic Development Accelerators

Mr J Peters, Chief Director: Economic Enablement

Ms I van Skalkwyk, Chief Director: Economic Sector Support

Ms H Davies, Chief Director: Green Economy

Mr N Joseph, Director: Economic Policy and Planning

WESGRO

Mr T Harris, Chief Executive Officer

Mr J Milne, Head of Investment Promotion

Department of Small Business Development

Mr M Maki, Acting Deputy Director-General: Enterprise Development and Entrepreneurship

Department of Employment and Labour

Mr S Morotoba, Deputy Director-General: Public Employment Service

Mr M Ntamo, Chief Director: Provincial Operations

Mr D Esau, Provincial Inspector and Specialist

Members of the Public

Ms S Payne, Journalist: Daily Maverick
Ms J Kassen, Journalist: EWN
Mr T Lepule, Journalist: Weekend Argus
Ms Z tlhapo, Owner of Baby Friendly Pty Ltd

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

Ms Z Adams, Procedural Officer
Ms L Cloete, Senior Procedural Officer
Mr W Matthews, Procedural Officer

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed the Members, the Provincial Minister, the officials from the Provincial and National Departments and members of the media and public. The Chairperson noted an apology from Ms L Botha (DA). The Chairperson explained the rules of engagement to Members and officials in respect of virtual meetings and then proceeded to the presentations.

The Chairperson informed Members that the Committee would proceed with all three presentations then the two-hour question and answer session, in order to ensure that the Committee did not exceed the scheduled time for the meeting.

2. Briefing by the Provincial Minister and the Western Cape on assistance provided to fresh food markets, informal traders and Small, Medium and Micro-sized Enterprises (SMMEs); red tape reduction strategies; and assistance provided to small-scale and large-scale agricultural businesses

Minister Maynier, Mr Fourie and Mr Toefy briefed the Committee on the subject at hand.

The Committee proceeded to the next presentation.

3. Briefing by the National Department of Small Business Development on the assistance provided to SMMEs, the informal trading sector and municipalities, and digital assistance for businesses and individuals during the lockdown period

Mr Maki briefed the Committee on the subject at hand.

The Committee proceeded to the next presentation.

4. Briefing by the National Department of Employment and Labour on the assistance to employees, employers and other workers on labour-related issues and relief measures for essential workers

Mr Morotoba briefed the Committee on the subject at hand.

The committee posed questions on all three presentations and engaged the provincial and national departments.

5. Resolutions/Actions

The Committee RESOLVED to:

- 5.1 Forward any additional questions, resolutions and requests for information stemming from the meeting to the Procedural Officer by 12h00 on Monday, 18 May 2020;
- 5.2 Invite the Department of Economic Development and Tourism to brief the Committee on the Economic Recovery Plan once the peer review process has been completed; and
- 5.3 Request that the Department of Employment and Labour respond to the query raised by Member Bosman in respect of applications for Unemployment Insurance Fund assistance that were not responded to.

The meeting adjourned at 17h05.



MS M WENGER, MPP
CHAIRPERSON: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19
DATE: 20 May 2020