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COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Speaker:

1. Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Development on Vote 3 – Provincial Treasury, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2013], dated 12 March 2013.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Development begs to report that it has concluded its deliberations on Vote 3 – Provincial Treasury, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2013] referred to it and further wishes to report as follows:

1. Finding/Concern

The Committee expressed its desire that all funds to municipalities be allocated within this financial year.

2. Recommendation

The Committee wishes to recommend that the Provincial Treasury, as part of its Budget Estimates, in future provide a detailed breakdown of allocations made to, and the nature of each specific *Special Project* within the Department.

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the Provincial Treasury for the efficient way in which they have dealt with the Committee in the past and for the clarity of the budget presented.

2. Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Development on Vote 10 –. Transport and Public Works, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2013], dated 14 March 2013.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Development begs to report that it has concluded its deliberations on Vote 10 – Transport and Public Works, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2013] referred to it and begs to report as follows:

Recommendations

The committee wishes to recommend as follows:

That the-

- (a) Committee be provided with a synopsis of the plan developed to address the shortcomings raised by the Auditor-General in the 2012/13 financial year;
- (b) Department of Transport and Public Works provide the Committee with a detailed list of all new and replacement schools and classrooms currently being built or built in the 2012/13 and 2013/14 financial years, respectively; and
- (c) Committee be provided with the Department of Transport and Public Works' policy used to select individuals that form part of the Expanded Public Works Programmes (EPWP) which fall under the Department.

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the Department of Transport and Public Works and its affiliated entities for the efficient way in which they have dealt with the Committee in the past and for the clarity of the budget presented.

3. Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Development on Vote 12 – Economic Development and Tourism, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2013], dated 12 March 2013.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Development begs to report that it has concluded its deliberations on Vote 12 – Economic Development and Tourism, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2013] referred to it and further wishes to reports as follows:

Recommendation

The Committee requested a snapshot report of at least 5 individuals from each district that form part of the Work and Skills project, with specific reference to the 633 individuals that were successfully placed.

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the Department of Economic Development and Tourism as well as their affiliated entities, for the efficient way in which they have dealt with the Committee in the past and for the clarity of the budget presented.

4. Report of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements on Vote 8 – Human Settlements, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2013], dated 18 March 2013.

The Standing Committee on Human Settlements begs to report that it has concluded its deliberations on Vote 8 – Human Settlements, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2013], referred to it and further begs to report as follows:

1. Findings/Concerns

- (a) The Department spent its entire budget in the last financial year but did not meet all its targets;
- (b) The Department utilises lots of consultants, including Professional Resource Teams (PRT);
- (c) The Department misled the Committee by reporting that it's budget has not increased since 2011; and
- (d) The Committee was concerned about the huge household backlog.

2. Recommendations

The Committee wishes to recommend that the Department-

- (a) Brief the Committee on the progress regarding the work done by the Professional Resource Teams (PRT) on the blocked projects; and
- (b) Speed up the process on the Social Housing Project to bring domestic workers closer to their work places.

3. Papers, reports and information requested by the Committee

The Committee requested that the Department provide it with the following:

- (a) A list of approved People Housing Projects (PHP) that the Department has budgeted for:
- (b) A list of all the new housing programmes;
- (c) A list of all the audited land that belongs to the Department, City of Cape Town and the other sources; and
- (d) A Report on the audited information pertaining to the land which the Department requested from the National Department.

4. Conclusion

The Chairperson thanked all the Members, the Department and the members of the public for attending and for their input in the discussion.

5. Report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Planning on Vote 9

- Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2013], dated 14 March 2013.

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Planning begs to report that it has concluded its deliberations on Vote 9 – Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2013] referred to it and further begs to report as follows:

1. Findings/Concerns

The Committee expressed its concern regarding-

- (a) the filling of funded and unfunded posts within the Department and CapeNature. Specific reference is made to the 30% vacancy rate of highly skilled professionals; and
- (b) whether incentives are available to encourage students at university level to specialise in biodiversity conservation.

2. Recommendations

The Committee wishes to recommend that-

- (a) the Department briefs the Committee on wind farms and the production of wind energy;
- (b) the integrity of the Environmental Impact Assessment process must be protected;
- (c) the Department briefs the Committee on the measurement of energy consumption and carbon dioxide emissions in respect of air quality monitoring, with special reference to airports globally, linking this with the newly drafted regulations on noise pollution;
- (d) the Department considers using estuarine areas as sites for the use of aquaculture practices;
- (e) the condition of the tourism infrastructure within nature reserves managed by CapeNature, in particular the condition of roads and accommodation facilities which must be kept in mint condition;
- (f) the Committee visits CapeNature sites to assess the condition of the roads, facilities and fire breaks; and
- (g) CapeNature should consider investigating areas that can be expanded on to increase its external income locally and abroad.

3. Papers, reports and information requested by the Committee

The Committee requested the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning to provide it with a table on the backlog of Environmental Impact Assessments at municipalities.

4. Conclusion

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the Department and CapeNature for their preparation and active engagement during the budget hearing process.

6. Report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Planning on Vote 11 – Agriculture, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2013], dated 13 March 2013.

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Planning begs to report that it has concluded its deliberations on Vote 11: Agriculture, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2013] referred to it and further begs to report as follows:

5. Findings/Concerns

The Committee expressed its concern regarding the-

- (a) illegal slaughter practice where unsafe meat is distributed to consumers. There exists a lack of available slaughter facilities in rural areas and this creates production difficulties for many smallholder farmer projects;
- (b) capacity of the Department with regard to Agricultural Economic Services; and
- (c) unregistered vaccines being distributed within the Province, as the livestock of the Western Cape is vulnerable to disease outbreaks.

6. Recommendations

The Committee wishes to recommend that—

the Department of Agriculture briefs the Committee on:

- (a) the shortage of water in the area surrounding the Amalienstein farm and how to address it;
- (b) the farmworker survey that was undertaken per municipality, the outcome thereof and the issues it aim to address;
- (c) the sub-programme rural development coordination, with reference to the eleven nodes and the challenges experienced within these nodes; and
- (d) co-operatives with specific reference to their formation, existence, membership and financial implication;

the Committee undertakes oversight visits to:

- (e) Swartland Flax project; and
- (f) Onderstepoort Research Laboratory;
- (g) Agri-Seta be invited to brief the Committee on its role in the funding of agricultural colleges;
- (h) Casidra must have a marketing and communication plan in place in order to proactively recruit new projects; and
- (i) the Committee engages with Casidra in more detail around the Stony Point project that must be driven to conclusion.

7. Papers, reports and information requested by the Committee

The Committee requested that the Department of Agriculture provide it with the following:

- (a) the number of land reform projects that have been approved and the cost thereof;
- (b) a list of the co-operatives that have been registered;
- (c) a list of the commodity projects and the location thereof;
- (d) the cost of farmer support in rural areas where farm workers participated in life skills training;
- (e) a written response on the unregistered vaccines being distributed, indicating the scope of the problem, the availability of registered vaccines and the problems experienced in this regard;
- (f) the contribution of the Horse Racing Trust Fund to veterinary services;
- (g) a list of the degreed professionals and technically qualified individuals in the different programmes with their qualifications;
- (h) a list of the development nodes and their location; and
- (i) the terms of reference for the assessment of resources within municipalities.

8. Conclusion

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the Department and Casidra for the preparation and active engagement during the budget hearing process.

7. Report of the Standing Committee on Education on Vote 5 – Education, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2013], dated 18 March 2013.

The Standing Committee on Education begs to report that it has concluded its deliberations on Vote 5 – Education in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2013]. It further begs to report as follows:

1. Introduction

The objective of the Standing Committee on Education is to monitor whether the Department of Education fulfills its mandate as set out in its Annual Performance Plan and adheres to the budget applied to the programmes.

The Minister of Education, Mr D Grant, addressed the Committee highlighting the budget and plans for the coming financial year. The Minister handed over to the Head of Department, Ms P Vinjevold, who presented an outlook for the Department for the 2013/2014 financial year.

2. Recommendations

That the Department-

- (a) Implement a pilot project for those schools struggling with early registration of students. The following schools are recommended:
 - (i) Umyezo Wama-Apile Primary School;
 - (ii) George High School;
 - (iii) Zwelethemba High School;
 - (iv) Concordia High School; and
 - (v) Vuyiseka Secondary School;
- (b) Initiates a full investigation into the submission received from volunteers of feeding schemes at schools in Philippi and to provide the Committee with a full report thereafter;
- (c) Brief the Committee on the following matters:
 - (i) a status/performance report with regards to the new categories in addition to the infrastructure maintenance of school's on Page 17 of the Annual Performance Plan (APP);
 - (ii) a report on the content and status of implementation for the training curriculum for the School Governing Bodies (SGBs); and
 - (iii) feedback on the Social Sector Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) including Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and/or the Service Level Agreement (SLA) of upgrading/maintenance of schools such as the schools in Saldanha and Khayelitsha, the Mass Opportunity Development Centre (MOD), Sport Centre's and physical education at schools.

3. Papers, reports and information requested by the Committee

The Committee requests that the Department provide it with the following:

- (a) a list of schools prioritized for school parameter fencing project;
- (b) a list of Grade R classes for 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 as indicated in the U-AMP;
- (c) a list of schools equipped with school halls and the schools prioritized to acquire school halls; and
- (d) a copy of the User Assets Management Plan (U-AMP).

4. Conclusion

The Chairperson thanked all Members and members of the public for attending the hearing and for their input in the discussion of Vote 5 – Education. The Chairperson thanked the Department for the good work and willingness to respond positively to the questions raised by the Committee Members.

8. Report of the Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport on Vote 4 – Community Safety, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2013], dated 18 March 2013.

The Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport begs to report that it has concluded its deliberations on Vote 4 – Community Safety, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2013]. It further begs to report as follows:

1. Introduction

The objective of the Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport is to monitor whether the Department of Community Safety fulfils its mandate as set out in its Annual Performance Plan and projects according to the budget applied to all programmes in the Department.

The Minister of Community Safety, Mr D Plato, addressed the Committee and gave a brief overview of the strategies for the 2013/2014 financial year. The Minister continued to highlight the major projects offered in the Department and projects planned for the rest of the financial year. The Minister handed over to the Head of Department, Dr G Lawrence, who further briefed the Committee specifically on how funds will be utilized in the Department.

2. Findings/Concerns

- (a) That funding to Chrysalis Academy has remained the same as the previous financial years;
- (b) The quality of responses and tardiness of the South African Police Service (SAPS) when replying to correspondence from the Department of Community Safety and Western Cape Provincial Parliament; and
- (c) The manner in which the Department plans to deal with pedestrian safety in the Province, referring to strategies or interventions planned.

3. Recommendations

That the Department-

- (a) conduct a comparative cost analysis between Chrysalis Academy training; and that of incarceration in correctional facilities and rehabilitation of drug and alcohol related patients;
- (b) provide the Committee with an update on the roll-out of the Youth Programmes offered by the Department; and
- (c) that the committee requires further information on the Safety Lab, a project incubated by the Cape Town Partnership.

4. Conclusion

The Chairperson thanked all Members, the South African Police Service and the members of the public, including the Community Police Fora for attending the hearing and for their input in the discussion of Vote 4 – Community Safety. The Chairperson thanked the Department for the good work and the clean audit received in the previous financial year.

9. Report of the Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport on Vote 13 – Cultural Affairs and Sport, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2013], dated 18 March 2013.

The Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport begs to report that it has concluded its deliberations on Vote 13 – Cultural Affairs and Sport in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2013]. It further begs to report as follows:

1. Introduction

The objective of the Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport is to monitor whether the Department of Community Safety fulfils its mandate as set out in its Annual Performance Plan and adheres to the budget applied to the programmes.

The Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport, Dr I Meyer, addressed the Committee highlighting the main focus of appropriating funds for the coming financial year. The Departments' focus for this year is to ensure that the programmes offered in the Department addresses the core nature of the business of the Department. The Minister handed over to the Head of Department, Mr M C Walters, who presented an overview of the various initiatives and projects planned for the 2013/2014 financial year.

3. Findings/Concerns

- (a) The Department awaits the finalization of the national museum policy to review the draft Western Cape Museum Policy (2012) as a public document; and
- (b) Some of the wheelie wagons containers are closed over weekends in rural areas.

4. Papers, reports and information requested by the Committee

That the Department provides the Committee with the following:

- (a) a list of the club development programmes offered by the Department;
- (b) an updated calendar of events of the Department and thereafter submit the calendar of events on a monthly basis;
- (c) a copy of the School Sport Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport and the Western Cape Education Department; and
- (d) The names of the sports officers in the Department coordinating the Women in Sports project and the Siyadlala programme.

5. Recommendations

That the Department-

(a) conduct a client survey analysis on the availability of the library container services (wheelie wagons) over weekends and provide recommendations to improve the current services; and

(b) briefs the committee on the role out plan for the Traveling Exhibitions.

That the Committee-

- (c) conduct oversight visits to the Saldanha Bay Sports Academy and the Oudtshoorn Sports Academy during the Provincial Visit Week in May 2013; and
- (d) includes an oversight visit to the Diaz Museum in Mosselbay and the Bredasdorp Museum in Bredasdorp during the Provincial Visit Week in May 2013.

6. Conclusion

The Chairperson thanked all Members and members of the public for attending the hearing and for their input in the discussion of Vote 13: Cultural Affairs and Sport. The Chairperson thanked the Department for their presentation.

10. Report of the Standing Committee on Local Government on Vote 14 – Local Government, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2013], dated 15 March 2013.

The Standing Committee on Local Government begs to report that it has concluded its deliberations on Vote 14 – Local Government, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2013] referred to it and further begs to report as follows:

1. Findings/Concerns

The Committee expressed concern:

- (a) That Breede Valley municipality has not designated an official to be responsible for the operation of the Unobuntu Centre; and
- (b) That there has been a 40% reduction in the allocation to the Community Development Worker (CDW) Programme as this might affect the sustainability of CDW projects within municipalities.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Committee wishes to recommend that—
- (a) That the Department of Local Government interact with the City of Cape Town to facilitate the attendance of Community Development Workers (CDW's) at ward committee meetings; and
- (b) The Department briefs the Committee on the implications that the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act (Act 68 of 2008) have for municipalities (with special reference to the non-payment of property rates and services on account of dissatisfaction with the quality of municipal services).

2.2. The Committee AGREED:

- (a) To confer with the Standing Committee on Local Government Oversight on municipal performance monitoring by the Department of Local Government. At such a meeting the Department of Local Government is to brief the committee on the baseline indicators for areas identified as municipal performance monitoring priorities and provide the Committee with a brief report on the latest performance monitoring findings for municipalities; and
- (b) That the Committee confer with the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Planning on bringing all stakeholders in fire break deployment and block burning together so as to ensure that the optimal mitigation of wild fires can be facilitated by disaster management centres.

3. Papers, reports and information requested by the Committee

The Committee requested the Department of Local Government to provide it with the following:

- (a) A list of Project Plans linked to the 2013/2014 Annual Performance Plan;
- (b) The Community Development Worker (CDW) allocations to municipalities once this has been finalised;
- (c) A report on the rationale behind the reduced allocation for the facilitation and monitoring of infrastructure development which has been identified as one of the Department's main services;
- (d) A report on the challenges municipalities have identified in regards to the implementation of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004 (Act 6 of 2004);
- (e) A breakdown of the R1.7 million earmarked for Professional Resource Team support to municipalities in regards to ICT issues;
- (f) An overview of the status of the current vacancies within the Internal Control and Financial Accounting component to be established within the office of Chief Financial Officers;
- (g) A report of the progress in terms of the rationalisation of staff and finance between the Departments of Local Government and Human Settlements respectively and the implementation plan for the 2013/2014 financial year;
- (h) A report on the progress made in the previous financial year in regards to the eradication of the bucket system including a list of municipalities in which the bucket system is currently still in place;
- (i) A list of the consultancy and professional services the Department has made provision for under Programme 2: Local Governance; and
- (j) A list of all the infrastructure programmes that the Department of Local Government is monitoring and evaluating given that the Department indicated that they no longer focus only on monitoring Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) expenditure.

4. Conclusion

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the Department for the preparation and active engagement during the budget hearing process. Appreciation is also extended

to the Chairperson of the South African Local Government Association SALGA for his closing remarks.

11. Report of the Standing Committee on Premier, Gender, Disabled and Youth on Vote 1: Premier, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2013], dated 18 March 2013.

The Standing Committee on Premier, Gender, Disabled and Youth begs to report that it has concluded its deliberations on Vote 1 – Premier, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2013].

1. Introduction

The objective of the Standing Committee on Premier, Gender, Disabled and Youth is to monitor whether the Department of the Premier fulfills its mandate as set out in its Annual Performance Plan and adheres to the budget applied to the programmes.

The Premier, Ms. H Zille, addressed the Committee highlighting the budget and plans for the coming financial year. The Premier handed over to the Director General, Adv. B Gerber, who presented an outlook for the Department for the 2013/2014 financial year.

2. Finding/Concern

The Committee expressed its concern that the role and involvement of the Department of the Premier in projects such as District Six and disability programmes was not defined, since other departments manage these projects.

3. Papers, reports and information requested by the Committee

The Committee requests that the Department provide it with the following:

- (a) the Position paper on the farmworkers strike as mentioned on page 7 of the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, 2013 report;
- (b) a status report on the Dashboard, specifying how many projects it contains and how the Enterprise Project Management System will replace/interlink with the Dashboard;
- (c) a list of the non-profit institutions as mentioned on page 21, table 5.4 in the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, 2013 report;
- (d) a list of the strategic programmes as mentioned on page 26, table 6.2 in the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, 2013 report;
- (e) a detailed report on forensic investigations in stating how many investigations are taking place and the offences being investigated;
- (f) a report on vacant posts in the Department from Senior Management level to lower level posts and when the Department envisages filling these posts; and
- (g) a report on the 301 staff members in contract positions and the reason for them not being permanently employed.

4. Conclusion

The Chairperson thanked all Members and members of the public for attending the hearing and for their input in the discussion of Vote 1 – Premier. The Chairperson thanked the Department for the good work and willingness to respond positively to the questions raised by the Committee Members.

12. Report of the Rules Committee on Vote 2 – Provincial Parliament in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2013], dated 15 March 2013.

The Rules Committee begs to report that it has concluded its deliberations on Vote 2 – Provincial Parliament in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2013]. It further begs to report as follows:

1. Findings/Concerns

The Committee expressed concerns on the following matters:

- (a) Authentication and certification of all paintings;
- (b) Equal application of all three official languages especially the interpreting into isiXhosa;
- (c) Plans on the utilisation of the donor funding; and
- (d) The catalogue of heritage assets.

2. Papers, reports, and information requested by the Committee

- (a) An updated report on the customisation of the Sector Oversight Model;
- (b) An updated register and a catalogue of all paintings including a proposal for the valuation thereof;
- (c) An update asset register and other heritage assets;
- (d) A report on the risk management factors identified and how they are going to be addressed;
- (e) A report on the current status of ICT with particular reference to staffing;
- (f) An updated report on the status of the donor funding by the Legislative Sector Support (LLS) and its activities and submit the action plan to secure the donor funds;
- (g) An executive summary of the terms of reference pertaining to the Hansard contract;
- (h) A report on the upgrading of the Legislature building;

3. Recommendations

That the-

- (a) Speaker engages with the Minister of Transport and Public Works on the future accommodation requirements of the Legislature building and the parking facilities;
- (b) Administration ensures that the Speaker's Rulings be updated and distributed on a regular basis to Members;
- (c) Secretary ensures that a security plan be put in place to secure these paintings; and
- (d) the upgrading of the Auditorium be investigated.

13. Report of the Standing Committee on Community Development on Vote 6 – Department of Health, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2013], dated 18 March 2013.

The Standing Committee on Community Development begs to report that it has concluded its deliberations on Vote 6 – Health in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2013]. It further begs to report as follows:

1. Introduction

The objective of the Standing Committee on Community Development is to monitor whether the Department of Health fulfils its mandate as set out in its Annual Performance Plan and adheres to the budget applied to the programmes.

The Minister of Health, Mr T Botha, introduced himself and handed over to the Head of Department, Prof KC Househam, who introduced the rest of the Department.

2. Recommendations

That the Committee-

(a) conducts an oversight visit to the Eden District which was identified as the pilot site to be strengthened and expanded during 2013/2014, for the National Health Insurance initiative;

The Department to brief the Committee on:

- (b) the Mental Health project as mentioned on page 218 of the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, 2013 report;
- (c) sub programme 5, the Central Hospital Services;
- (d) the finalised new organizational structure of the Department and the manner in which the organogram will be implemented;
- (e) the infrastructure backlog as mentioned on page 258 of the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, 2013, in conjunction with the Department of Public Works, at the end of the first term of the new financial year;
- (f) the prioritization of Agency Services focusing on the following:
 - (i) The areas of focus to allocate Agency Services staff; and
 - (ii) The implications of reprioritizing; and how it affects other programmes; and
- (g) eye test services.

3. Papers, reports and information requested by the Committee

That the Department provides the Committee with a report detailing the Health Care Services that are making use of Agency Staff and Health Care Services that are not utilizing Agency Staff.

4. Conclusion

The Chairperson thanked all Members for attending and thanked the Department for the good work and willingness to respond positively to the questions raised by the Committee Members.

14. Report of the Standing Committee on Community Development on Vote 7: Department of Social Development, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2-2013], dated 18 March 2013.

The Standing Committee on Community Development begs to report that it has concluded its deliberations on Vote 7: Social Development in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B2-2013]. It further begs to report as follows:

1. Introduction

The objective of the Standing Committee on Community Development is to monitor whether the Department of Social Development fulfils its mandate as set out in its Annual Performance Plan and adheres to the budget applied to the programmes.

The Minister of Social Development, Mr A Fritz, addressed the Committee, highlighting the budget and plans of the Department for the coming financial year and the manner in which funds will be appropriated according to the Annual Performance Plan 2013/2014.

2. Recommendations

That the Committee-

- (a) conducts an oversight visit, accompanied by the Minister, to areas that are not benefiting from the nutrition programmes; and
- (b) invites South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) to brief the Committee on their social relief programmes;

That the Department briefs the Committee on:

- (c) substance abuse in the Province and the distribution of funds in rural areas and urban areas;
- (d) nutrition programmes that have been implemented in the Province; and
- (e) schools of reform by the Department of Education and the Department of Social Development.

3. Papers, reports and information requested by the Committee

That the Department provides the Committee with the following:

(a) The list of 49 feeding schemes implemented, which provide meals to children;

- (b) A detailed report on the psychological treatment that is provided to persons receiving social relief of distress services as mentioned on page 41 of the Annual Performance Plan, 2013 /2014; and
- (c) A Copy of the Youth Development booklet available at Mass Opportunity Development (MOD) Centres, which outlines the youth development programmes offered at the respective MOD Centres.

4. Conclusion

The Chairperson thanked all Members for attending the meeting and thanked the Department for the good work and willingness to respond positively to the questions raised by the Committee Members.