

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

MONDAY, 17 MARCH 2014

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. 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 3–2014], dated 11 March 2013.

The Standing Committee on Premier, Gender, Disabled and Youth, having considered Vote 1: Premier referred to it in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote.

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

2. Report of the Rules Committee on Vote 2: Provincial Parliament in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 3–2014], dated 11 March 2014.

The Rules Committee, having considered Vote 2: Provincial Parliament referred to it in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote. It further reports as follows:

1. Findings/Concerns

The Committee expressed concerns on the following matters:

- (a) The unauthorised access to the parking garage; and
- (b) The entrances from garage to the building are not adequately secured and staffed during certain periods and no provision is made in the budget for additional security measures.

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

- (a) A report on how the ICT Change Management Framework would enhance the reliability and security of the WCPP's network;
- (b) A detailed report including cost breakdown on the web-site;
- (c) A report on the accommodation needs for the 4th, 5th and 6th floors;
- (d) A copy of proposals for the upgrading of the floors;
- (e) A report on the e-Filing and the roll out thereof;
- (f) A needs analysis for the future use of the Auditorium;
- (g) A detailed report on the Security Plan;
- (h) A report on the increase in Public Education and Outreach budget for the financial year 2013/14 in comparison with the 25.2% increase during the financial year 2014/15; and
- (i) A report on the 60.26% satisfaction survey result which forms the baseline for the Security and Facilities Management section target for the 2014/15 financial year. (see page 41 of the APP).

3. Recommendations

That–

- (a) The Provincial Parliament urgently engages with the Department of Transport and Public Works on the future accommodation requirements of the Legislature building; and
- (b) A proper needs analysis be done, including Members input, regarding the upgrading of the Auditorium.

3. 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 3–2014], dated 7 March 2014.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Development, having considered Vote 3: Provincial Treasury, as referred to it in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations and that it supports the Vote.

The African National Congress abstained from declaring its position on the Vote.

The Committee expresses its appreciation to the Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Tourism, as well as the officials of Provincial Treasury and its affiliated entity for their continuous co-operation throughout the current parliamentary term.

4. Report of the Standing Committee on Community Safety on Vote 4: Community Safety, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 3–2014], dated 10 March 2014.

The Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport having considered Vote 4: Community Safety referred to it in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote. It further reports as follows:

1. Concerns

- (a) An absence of an analysis of the counter gang strategies in the Province;
- (b) The lack of clarity as to who should be the convening authority for matters of transversal nature in social crime prevention discussions;
- (c) The potential intrusive nature of the CCTV cameras within suburban areas as well as the frequency of unserviceable cameras in crime hot spots;
- (d) That the Department does not have an accredited security consultant expert on its staff establishment; and
- (e) The number of vacancies in the Senior Management organogram.

2. Recommendations

The Committee wishes to recommend that the Department:

- (a) Be appointed as the convening authority, to deal with issues of transversal nature relating to social crime prevention;
- (b) Provides the Committee with a copy of all questions and recommendations posed to the National Cabinet Member for Safety and Security;
- (c) conducts an efficacy study on counter gang strategies, including that done by the SAPS Operation Combat Unit currently employed in the Province;
- (d) Considers military and police reservists as part of Youth community service programmes; and
- (e) Develops a newsletter to keep Community Police Fora informed of all matters relating to their areas of work and departmental activities.

3. Conclusion

The Chairperson commended the Department on the exemplary manner in which they conducted themselves from a governance point of view in receiving four clean audits consecutively in five years. The Committee expressed its appreciation to the Minister of Community Safety, specifically the Head of Department and the officials of the Department of Community Safety for their co-operation throughout the parliamentary term.

5. Report of the Standing Committee on Education on Vote 5: Education, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 3–2014], dated 10 March 2014.

The Standing Committee on Education having considered Vote 5: Education, referred to it in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote. It further reports as follows:

1. Papers, reports and information requested by the Committee

The Committee requests that the Department provide it with the list of schools earmarked for refurbishment and maintenance of school halls and equipment.

2. Conclusion

The Committee expresses its appreciation to the Minister of Education, as well as the officials of the Western Cape Education Department for their co-operation throughout the current parliamentary term.

6. Report of the Standing Committee on Community Development on Vote 6: Health, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 3–2014], dated 12 March 2014.

The Standing Committee on Community Development, having considered Vote 6: Health, referred to it in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote. It further reports as follows:

1. Papers, reports and information requested by the Committee

That the Department of Health provides the Committee with a report on the—

- (a) outcomes of the 2012/2013 NHI projects; and
- (b) infrastructure backlog with strategies to reduce the backlog.

2. Conclusion

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

7. Report of the Standing Committee on Community Development on Vote 7: Social Development, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 3–2014], dated 7 March 2014.

The Standing Committee on Community Development, having considered Vote 7: Social Development, referred to it in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote. It further reports as follows:

1. Concern

The Committee raised its concern regarding the insufficient indication of performance indicators for Youth Programmes.

2. Recommendations

The Committee recommends that the Department—

- (a) briefs it on the Youth Café's in the Province; and
- (b) have clear performance indicators for each individual Youth Programme.

3. 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.

8. Report of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements on Vote 8: Human Settlements, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 3–2014], dated 11 March 2014.

The Standing Committee on Human Settlements, having considered Vote 8: Human Settlements, referred to it in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote. It further reports as follows:

1. Findings/concerns

- (a) The Committee raised its concern regarding the increase of the backlog on infrastructure and requests the Department to provide the Committee with the measures it put in place to counter this matter; and
- (b) The Committee also raised its concern that the projects funded with donor funding is not listed in the Budget Vote and requested that details be provided to the Committee indicating what projects were completed and what projects are still pending.

2. Papers, reports and information requested by the Committee

The Committee requested the Department of Human Settlements to provide it with the following:

- 2.1. The property register, that will provide insight to the Committee on the different categories of land allocations in terms of property development, rental and disposal; and
- 2.2. The correct totals and breakdown of the Expenditure Trend Analysis as indicated on page 345 of the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure.

3. Conclusion

The Committee Members expressed their appreciation to the Minister and the Department for the preparation and active engagement during the budget discussion process.

- 9. 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 3–2014], dated 10 March 2014.

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Planning, having considered Vote 9: Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, referred to it in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote. It further reports as follows:

1. Findings/Concerns

The Committee notes that the Department is in the process of-

- (a) revising its organisational structure; and
- (b) gathering stakeholder inputs on the draft *Western Cape Biodiversity Bill*.

2. Recommendations

- (a) The Committee recommends that the Department and CapeNature consider establishing a research forum that engages on matters related to biodiversity in the Province.

3. Papers, reports and information requested by the Committee

The Committee requests the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning to provide it with the following:

- (a) The revised Western Cape Climate Change Response Strategy; and
- (b) A list of items contained within the line item “Cons/prof: Business and Advisory Services” AND “Cons/prof: Legal costs” in Table A.2.2 “Payments and estimates by economic classification- Programme 2: Environmental Policy, Planning and Coordination” on page 401 of the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure.

4. Conclusion

The Committee expressed its appreciation to the Minister and Department for the preparation and active engagement during the budget discussion process.

- 10. 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 3–2014], dated 12 March 2014.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Development, having considered Vote 10: Transport and Public Works, as referred to it in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations and that it supports the Vote.

The Committee expresses its appreciation to the Minister of Transport and Public Works for his invaluable and selfless service to the Department throughout his industrious career. The Committee further thanks the officials of the Department of Transport and Public Works and its affiliated entity for their continuous co-operation throughout the current parliamentary term.

- 11. Report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Planning on Vote 11: Agriculture, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B3-2014], dated 12 March 2014.

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Planning, having considered Vote 11: Agriculture, referred to it in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote. It further reports as follows:

1. Findings/Concerns

The Committee expresses its concern regarding the-

- (a) level of allocation of funds to research activities in the Department in light of the fact that the agricultural industry in the Western Cape is based on research. Agriculture houses the most workers and contributes largely to the GDP of the province;
- (b) facilitation of the farmworker development plans in terms of funding and implementation; and
- (c) level of knowledge of vectors of African horse sickness in the Western Cape.

2. Recommendations

The Committee recommends that:

- (a) The research capabilities should be centralised in an Elsenburg Agricultural Research Institute and include agricultural economic capacity; and
- (b) an investigation should be conducted into the unsuccessful land reform projects outlining the reasons for the levels of failure.

3. Papers, reports and information requested by the Committee

The Committee requests the Department of Agriculture to provide it with the–

- (a) preliminary report on the survey of farmworker needs and the publication to be presented; and
- (b) progress report on the Future of Agriculture and the Rural Economy (FARE).

4. Conclusion

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

12. Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Development on Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism, in the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 3 – 2014], dated 7 March 2014.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Development, having considered Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism, as referred to it in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations and that it supports the Vote.

The African National Congress abstained from declaring its position on the Vote.

The Committee expresses its heartfelt appreciation to the Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Tourism, as well as the officials of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and its affiliated entities, the Western Cape Destination, Marketing, Trade and Investment Promotion Agency and the Western Cape Liquor Authority, for their continuous co-operation and commitment towards oversight compliance throughout the current parliamentary term.

13. Report of the Standing Committee on Community Safety on Vote 13: Cultural Affairs and Sport, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 3–2014], dated 12 March 2013.

The Standing Committee on Community Safety, having considered Vote 13: Cultural Affairs and Sport, referred to it in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote. It further reports as follows:

1. Concern

The Committee raised its concern regarding supporter's violent behaviour during rural sports events that affects the codes involved as well as the players themselves.

2. Recommendations

The Committee recommends that the Department—

- (a) provide details of the service provider which was awarded the transversal tender for equipment and attire;
- (b) provide details on the Anti-gang programme detailing schedules for street football and netball games;
- (c) provide a progress report on the activities of the Arbitration Council Committee;
- (d) supply the CAS number for the case involving the attempted theft at the Mossel Bay Museum; and
- (e) forward copies of the curriculum for Youth Camps.

3. Conclusion

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

- 14 Report of the Standing Committee on Local Government on Vote 14: Local Government, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 3–2014], dated 10 March 2014.

The Standing Committee on Local Government, having considered Vote 14: Local Government, referred to it in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote. It further reports as follows:

1. Findings/concerns

- (a) The Department is extending the pool of expertise through which it provides specialised support to municipalities. The Department has recently appointed an Information and Communication Technology (ICT) specialist to address municipal ICT shortcomings highlighted by the Auditor-General;
- (b) All municipalities in the Province have Performance Monitoring Systems in place (PMS) for municipal and executive managers and the Department has reported that they will commence monitoring this system in the new financial year;
- (c) The Committee expressed concern that the implementation of the Municipal Disciplinary Code is sometimes used in a biased manner;
- (d) Although progress has been made in terms of the development of municipal fraud and anti-corruption strategies, the implementation of these strategies continue to receive attention;

- (e) The Committee expressed concern that the Department is allocating funding primarily to two Thusong Centres that are now overseen by municipalities whilst Thusong Centres with historical challenges are not supported with funding; Municipalities only have resources to train firefighting staff in basic training and there is therefore a severe lack of advanced firefighting skills throughout the Province;
- (f) Integrated Development Planning (IDP) Indaba agreements are not included in the Annual Performance Plans of the respective sector departments undersigning these agreements. Systems are however in place to allow the sector departments to report on the extent to which agreements have been met; and
- (g) A license has recently been granted for a waste management facility that will be utilised by Cederberg and Matzikama local municipalities based on a shared services model.

2. Recommendations

The Committee wishes to recommend that the Department of Local Government brief the Committee on–

- (a) measures that will be put in place to ensure the correct implementation of the Municipal Disciplinary Code; and
- (b) progress with regards to extending the Performance Monitoring System (PMS) from the level of municipal managers down to the supervisory level.

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 breakdown of vacant positions in the band “highly skilled supervision (level 9-12)” contained within the second table “Employment and vacancies by salary bands, as at 31 March 2014” on page 12 of the Annual Performance Plan of the Department;
- (b) A breakdown of positions contained with the column “number of persons additional to the establishment” contained within the second table “Employment and vacancies by salary bands, as at 31 March 2014” on page 12 of the Annual Performance Plan of the Department;
- (c) A list of disaster relief funding allocated by National Government for the purpose of the rehabilitation of disaster areas;
- (d) The guide on the implementation of the Municipal Disciplinary Code for councillors;
- (e) A report on the extent of the Community Work Programme in the Province and the role and involvement of the Department of Local Government; and
- (f) A breakdown of the estimated R54 625 000 allocation to the Community Development Worker Programme contained in Table 2.6. “Summary of payments and estimates – Programme 2: Local Governance” on page 683 of the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure.

4. Conclusion

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