

# PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2024

### TABLINGS

The Speaker:

#### **Submissions of in-year amendments to annual performance plans for 2024/25:**

**(a) Minister of Finance**

In-year changes to the Annual Performance Plan for 2024/25 (Provincial Treasury).

**(b) Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism**

In-year changes to the Annual Performance Plan for 2024/25 (Department of Agriculture).

**(c) Minister of Mobility**

In-year changes to the Annual Performance Plan for 2024/25 (Government Motor Transport).

Copies attached.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**1. (*Final mandate stage*) Report of the Budget Committee on the Division of Revenue Amendment Bill [B 13–2024] (NCOP), dated 2 December 2024, as follows:**

The Budget Committee, having considered the subject of the Division of Revenue Amendment Bill [B 13–2024] (NCOP) referred to it in accordance with Standing

Rule 217, recommends that the House confers on the Western Cape's delegation in the National Council of Provinces the authority not to support the Bill.

Report to be considered.

## **2. Report of the Conduct Committee on a breach of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament:**

The following Members were in attendance, namely Members Van Minnen, B M; Johnson, P; Bryant, D W; Masipa, N P; Bans, A P; and Marais, G P.

At the meeting of the Committee held on 6 November 2024, the Registrar of Members' Interests, Advocate P Burgers, presented a report on a breach of the Code of Conduct by a Member who failed to submit disclosure forms by the due date.

The Registrar emailed the disclosure forms to individual Members of the WCPP and indicated the return date as 12 August 2024 at 17:00. Member Lithakong's forms were emailed to her on 19 June 2024. A reminder email was sent to the Member on 15 July 2024.

As no response was received from Member Lithakong, an email was sent on 8 August 2024 to the senior Member of Member Lithakong's party, Member Cassiem. Member Lithakong was copied in the email.

Another email was sent to the Member on 12 August 2024 at 09:58. A response email was received on 12 August 2024 at 17:01 requesting an extension. The Registrar informed her that the Code does not provide for extension. At 18:19 an email with the completed disclosure forms was received from Member Lithakong.

In accordance with the provisions of the Code, the Registrar informed Ms Lithakong on 29 August 2024 that she has breached the Code and that she has fourteen days to respond and offer any information that should be considered by the Conduct Committee. No response was received by the Registrar by close of business on 19 September 2024.

The Committee deliberated on and accepted the Registrar's report.

In deciding on the penalty to be imposed on the Member, the Committee took into consideration the fact that the Member was reminded numerous times to submit her disclosure forms and that it was the first time the Member contravened the Code.

After deliberation, the Committee unanimously agreed to recommend the following penalty:

- a reprimand;
- that her parliamentary privileges and her right to a seat in parliamentary debates or committees be suspended for a period of four days commencing on a Tuesday and ending on a Friday, with the dates to be determined by the House.

Member Lithakong was informed of the findings of the Committee and requested to make representations to the Committee and to offer mitigating reasons before it forwards its recommendations to the House.

The Committee considered the representations received from Member Lithakong and upheld the recommended penalty.

In accordance with Standing Rule 90, the Freedom Front Plus expressed its minority view to not support the recommended penalty.

Report to be considered by the House.