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PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

FRIDAY, 16 MAY 2024

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Local Government for the 2023/24 financial year, as follows:**

Members

The Committee comprised the following Members:

Chairperson:

Mr I Sileku (from 27 February 2023)

Members:

Ms LM Maseko

Ms C Murray

Mr CM Dugmore

Mr T Klaas

Alternate members:

Mr D America

Mr AP van der Westhuizen

Mr P Marran

Ms A Cassiem (from 27 February 2023)

1. Introduction

1.1 The mandate of the Committee was to:

- 1.1.1 Maintain oversight over the executive member and his Department, including the implementation of legislation, and to hold them accountable to the Western Cape Provincial Parliament; and
- 1.1.2 Consider and report on legislation, other matters and annual reports referred to it by the Speaker.

- 1.2. In fulfilment of its mandate the Committee:
 - 1.2.1 facilitated public participation and involvement in the legislative and other processes of the Committee;
 - 1.2.2 conducted its business in a fair, open and transparent manner;
 - 1.2.3 promoted cooperative governance; and
 - 1.2.4 reported regularly to the House.

2. Reporting department

Department of Local Government.

3. Overview of Committee's activities

3.1	Number of committee meetings	13
3.2	Number of Cluster oversight visits	0
3.3	Number of oversight visits	0
3.4	Number of provincial bills considered	2
3.5	Number of NCOP bills considered	1
3.6	Number of public hearings	3

4. Oversight activities

- 4.1 The Committee started the first quarter with a briefing by the Department regarding the progress on the section 139(5) intervention and the Financial Recovery Plan at Beaufort West and the section 154 Support Plan at the Kannaland and Laingsburg municipalities. The Committee was also briefed on the successes and challenges of the Community Development Workers Programme and the Indigent Policy at municipalities. The Auditor-General then briefed the Committee on the audit outcomes (MFMA 2021/22) with specific reference to the audit outcomes of the municipalities in the Western Cape, and particularly the underperforming municipalities.
- 4.2 The Committee started the quarter with briefings by the Department of Local Government and the Provincial Treasury on the audit outcomes of the municipalities in the Western Cape for the 2021/22 financial year with specific reference to the corrective measures and support envisaged at the Kannaland, Beaufort West and Laingsburg municipalities, followed by a discussion on the challenges and possible interventions to improve audit outcomes in future. The Committee had a meeting to finalise the resolutions on the corrective measures and attended the NCOP visit week.
- 4.3 During the third quarter the Committee deliberated on the Annual Report of the Department of Local Government for the 2022/23 financial year. The Committee concluded the quarter with the deliberation on Vote 14: Local Government in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill of 2023 and the adoption of the Committee Report on Vote 14: Local Government.
- 4.4 The fourth quarter commenced with a briefing by the Department of Cooperative Governance on the Independent Municipal Demarcation Authority Bill [B 14B–2022] (NCOP) and a briefing by the Department of Local Government on their comments on the Independent Municipal Authority Demarcation Bill. After considering the comments on the Independent Municipal Authority Demarcation Bill, the Committee adopted the negotiating mandate on the Independent Municipal Authority Demarcation Bill. The Committee deliberated on Vote 14: Local

Government in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill of 2024 after which they considered and adopted the Committee Report on Vote 14: Local Government.

5. Legislation

In the 2023/24 financial year, the Committee dealt with the following legislation:

5.1 Provincial bills

5.1.1 Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 7–2023]: Vote 14.

5.1.2 Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2024]: Vote 14.

5.2 NCOP bills

5.2.1 Independent Municipal Authority Demarcation Bill [B 14B–2022].

6. Financial particulars

The Committee's actual expenditure for the 2023/24 financial year as at 31 March 2024 was R53 186 against an adjusted budget of R55 253.

2. Annual Activity Report of the Standing Committee on Mobility for the 2023/24 financial year, as follows:

The strategic objectives of the WCPP linked to the Speaker's priorities that have an impact on committees are as follows:

Priority 1: Building a credible WCPP; and
Priority 3: Strengthening the core business.

Members

The Committee comprised the following Members:

Chairperson: America, D (DA) (from 23 February 2022 until 8 June 2022)

Chairperson: Mackenzie, R (DA) (from 8 June 2022 until 23 February 2023)

Chairperson: America, D (DA) (from 24 February 2023)

Members:

Mr AP van der Westhuizen (DA)

Mr I Sileku (DA) (from 27 February 2023)

Mr LL Mvimbi (ANC)

Mr S August (GOOD) (from 15 March 2022)

Alternate Members:

Ms M Maseko (DA) (from 27 February 2023)

Ms C Murray (DA) (from 27 February 2023)

Mr CM Dugmore (ANC)

Ms ND Nkondlo (ANC)

1. Introduction

1.1 The mandate of the Committee was to:

- 1.1.1 Maintain oversight over the Executive, the Department and its entity, including the implementation of legislation, and to hold them accountable to the Western Cape Provincial Parliament; and
 - 1.1.2 Consider and report on legislation, other matters and annual reports referred to it by the Speaker.
- 1.2 In fulfilment of its mandate the Committee:
- 1.2.1 Facilitated public participation and involvement in the legislative and other processes of the Committee;
 - 1.2.2 Conducted its business in a fair, open and transparent manner;
 - 1.2.3 Promoted cooperative governance; and
 - 1.2.4 Reported regularly to the House.

2. Reporting department

Department of Transport and Public Works.

3. Reporting entity

Government Motor Transport.

4. Overview of Committee's activities

4.1	Number of committee meetings	13
4.2	Number of provincial bills considered	2
4.3	Number of NCOP bills considered	5
4.4	Number of public hearings	3
4.5	Number of oversight visits	1

5. Oversight activities

- 5.1 The first quarter started with the Department of Transport and Public Works that briefed the Committee on the upcoming Easter Road Safety Campaign. It was followed by a briefing from the Department of Transport on the National Road Traffic Amendment Bill [B 7B–2020] and the National Land Transport Amendment Bill [B 7F–2016] which was referred to the Committee. The Committee facilitated two public hearings on the two bills including the Economic Regulation of Transport Bill [B 1B–2020] (NCOP).
- 5.2 During the second quarter the Committee were briefed by Minister Mackenzie and the Department of Mobility on its Annual Performance Plan 2023/24 and its First Quarterly Performance Report and Expenditure Report. The Committee also received a briefing by the Department on its written comments on the Economic Regulation of Transport Bill [B 1B–2020] (NCOP), the National Road Traffic Amendment Bill [B 7B–2020] and the National Land Transport Amendment Bill [B 7F–2016], and adopted its negotiating mandate reports on the Economic Regulation of Transport Bill [B 1B–2020] (NCOP), the National Road Traffic Amendment Bill [B 7B–2020] and the National Land Transport Amendment Bill [B 7F–2016]. The Committee concluded the second quarter with an oversight visit to the Cape Winelands Airport.
- 5.3 During the third quarter the Committee deliberated on the annual reports of the Department of Transport and Public Works (Vote 10) and Government Motor

Transport for the 2022/23 financial year. The Committee also deliberated on Vote 8: Mobility in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill of 2023 and adopted the Committee Report on Vote 8: Mobility in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill of 2023. The Committee was briefed by the national Department of Transport on the Transport Appeal Tribunal Amendment Bill [B 8B–2020] and considered and adopted the final mandate reports on the National Road Traffic Amendment Bill [B 7B–2020], the National Land Transport Amendment Bill [B 7F–2016] and the Economic Regulation of Transport Bill [B 1D–2020].

- 5.4 The fourth quarter commenced with a briefing by the national Department of Transport on the Railway Safety Bill [B 7B–2021] and briefings by the Department of Mobility on the Transport Appeal Tribunal Amendment Bill [B 8B–2020] and the Railway Safety Bill [B 7B–2021]. The Committee considered the comments by the Department of Transport on the comments of the Western Cape Government on the Transport Appeal Tribunal Amendment Bill [B 8B–2020] and the Railway Safety Bill [B 7B–2021]. The Committee adopted the negotiating mandates on the bills and concluded the quarter with the consideration of Vote 8: Mobility in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill of 2024 and the adoption of the Committee Report on Vote 8: Mobility in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill of 2024.

6. Legislation

In the 2023/24 financial year, the Committee dealt with the following legislation:

6.1 Provincial bills

- 6.1.1 Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 7–2023].
- 6.1.2 Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2024].

6.2 NCOP bills

- 6.2.1 National Road Traffic Amendment Bill [B 7B–2020].
- 6.2.2 National Land Transport Amendment Bill [B 7F-2016].
- 6.2.3 Economic Regulation of Transport Bill [B 1B–2020].
- 6.2.4 Transport Appeal Tribunal Amendment Bill [B 8B–2020].
- 6.2.5 Railway Safety Bill [B 7B–2021].

7. Financial particulars

The Committee's actual expenditure for the 2023/24 financial year as at 31 March 2024 was R230 404 against an adjusted budget of R186 000.